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THE WRATH OF THE RHINO!
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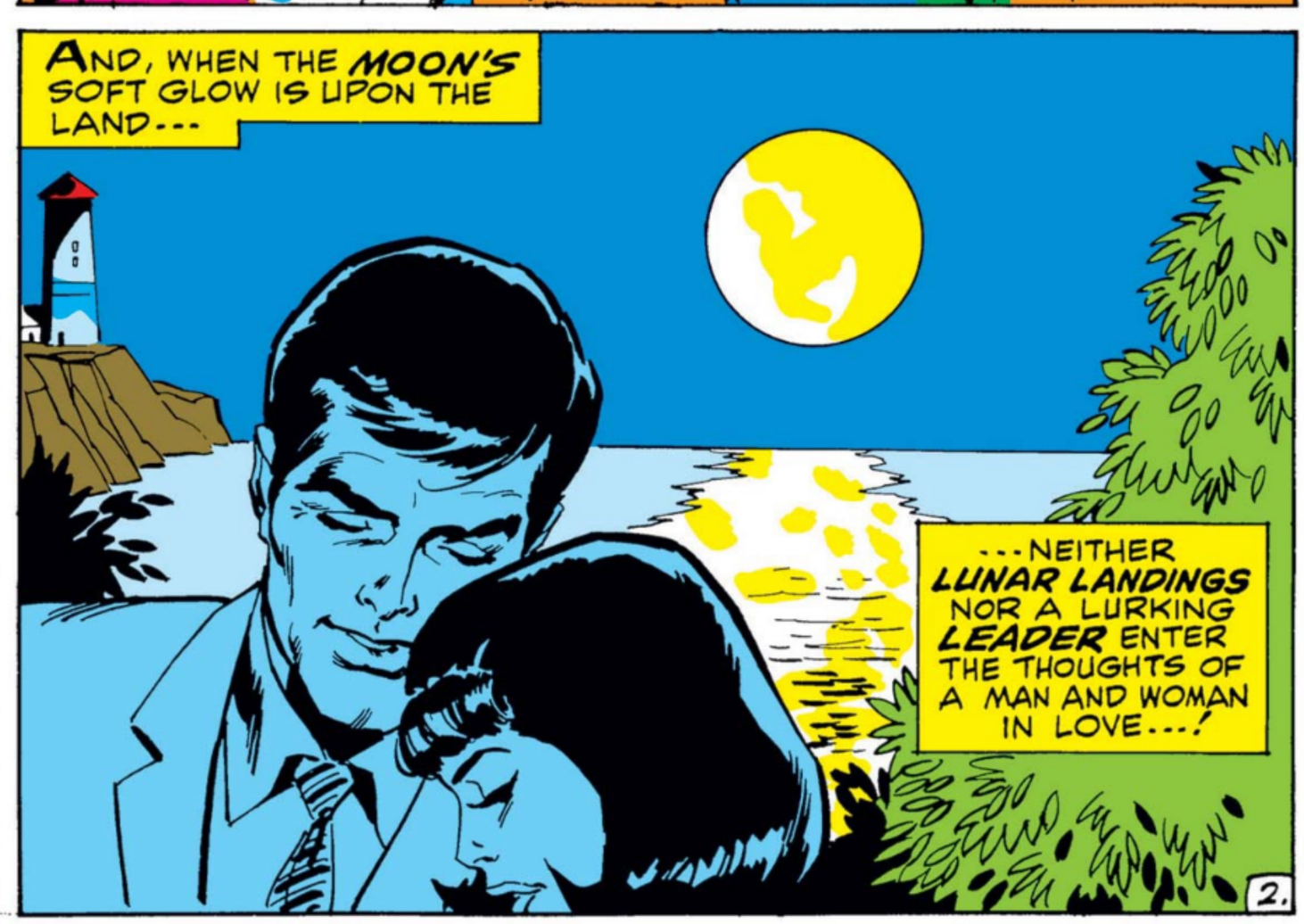
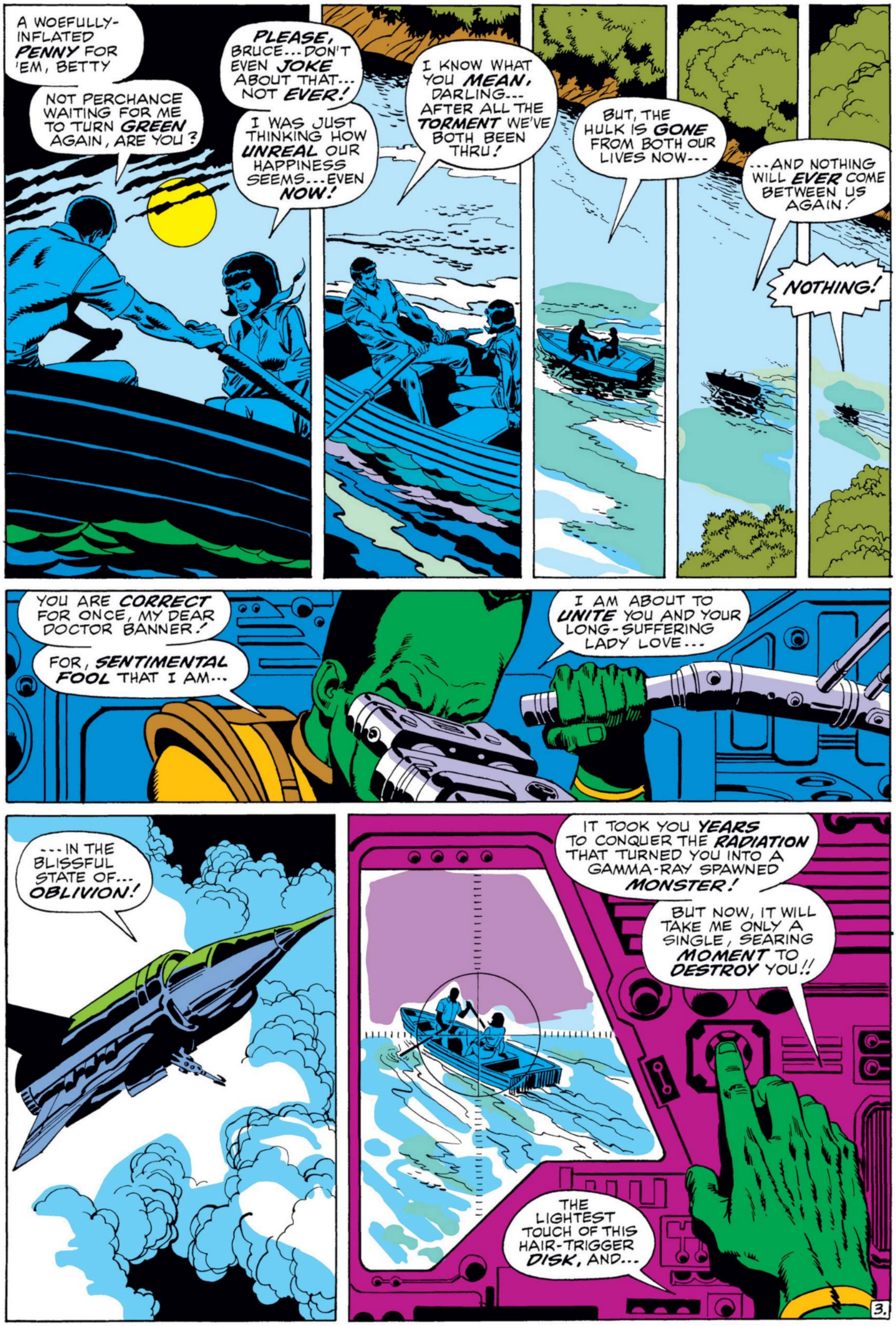
AFTER LONG, TORTURED YEARS, THE MAN BRUCE BANNER IS AT LAST SUPREME---
...OVER THE MINDLESS MONSTER THAT MEN CALL THE HULK!
A PITY THAT IT IS TOO LATE ---FOR EITHER OF THEM!

FOR, TOO OFTEN HAS FIRST ONE, THEN THE OTHER, THWARTED THE BEST-LAID PLANS OF THE LEADER!
CALL HIM BANNER--- OR CALL HIM BRUTE---

HE SHALL SOON BE... DEAD!!

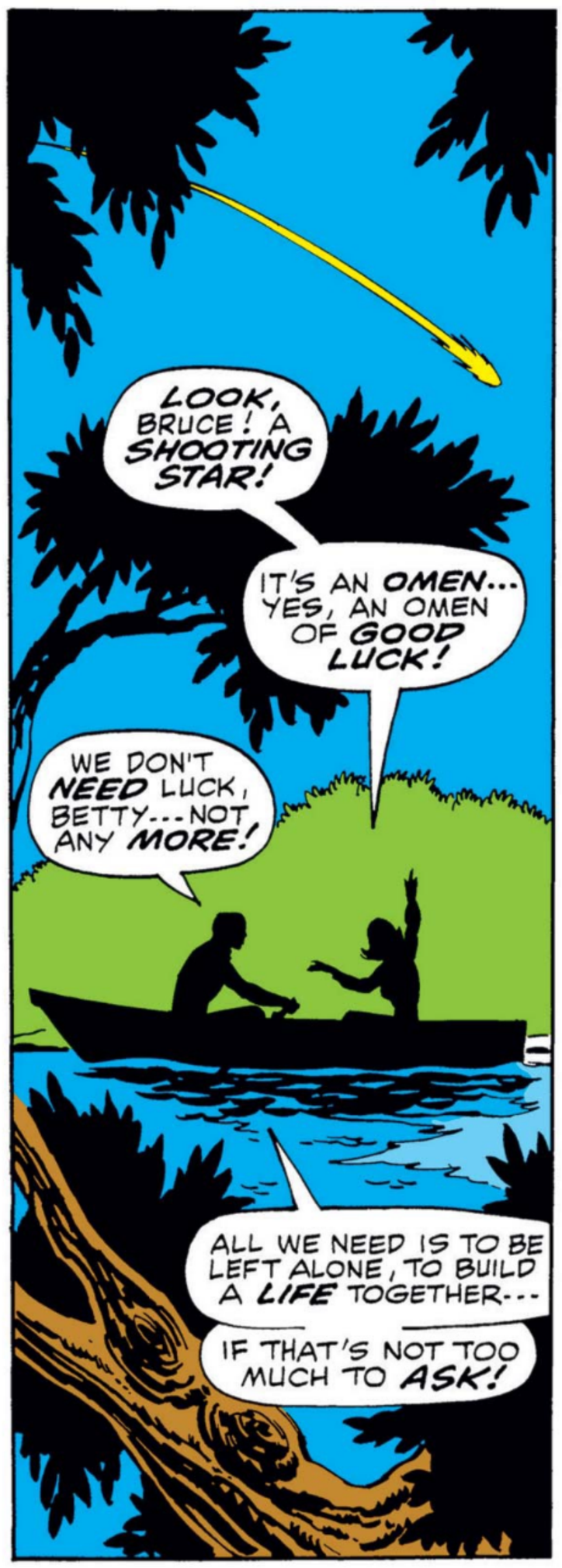
BUT, IN A DRESSMAKER'S SHOP IN SUN-DRENCHED CALIFORNIA, THE THOUGHTS ARE NOT OF DEATH... BUT OF HAPPINESS!
HOLD STILL BETTY ROSS!
YOU'D THINK YOU WERE THE FIRST GIRL EVER HAD TO BE FITTED FOR A WEDDING GOWN!

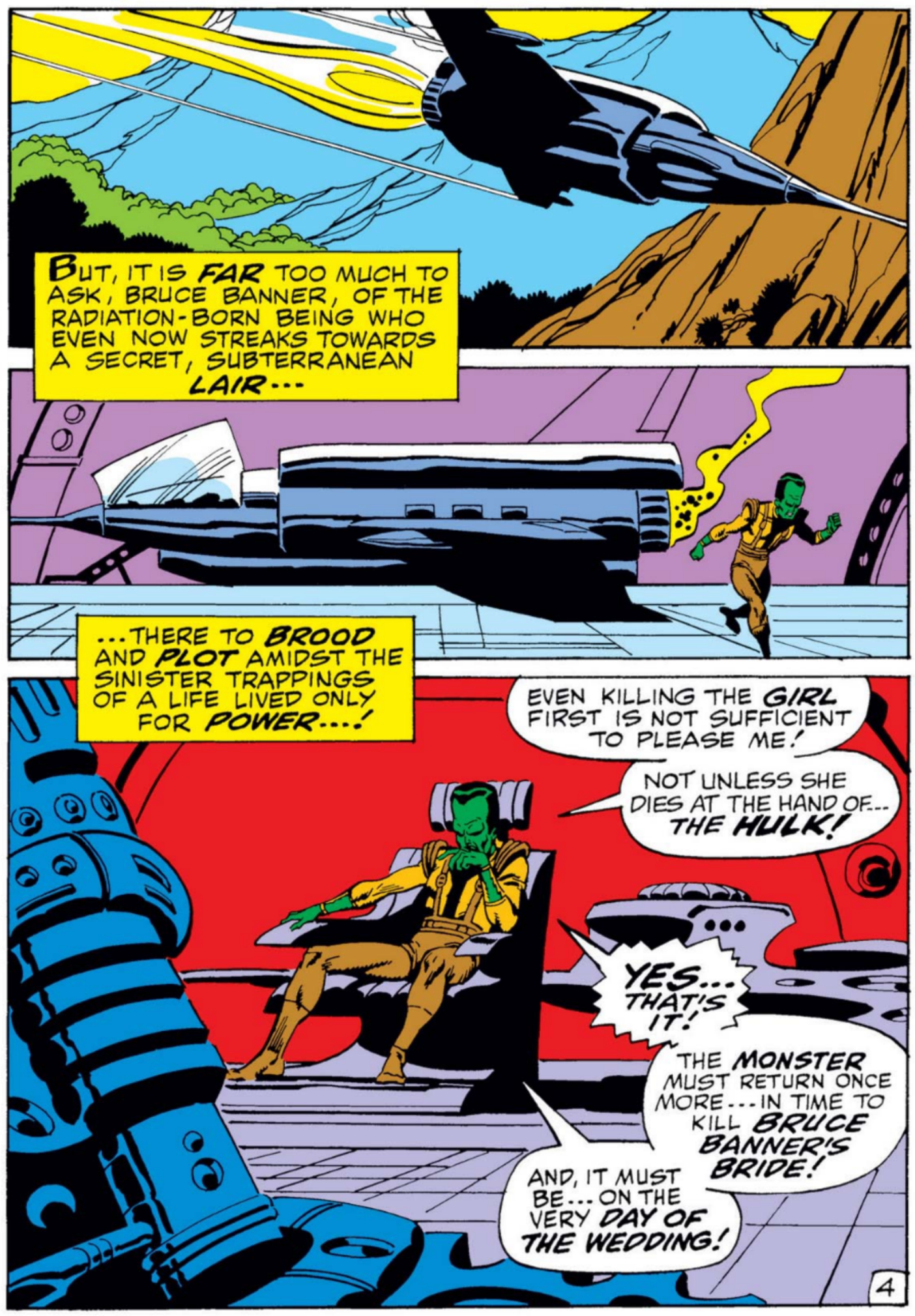

AND, WHEN THE MOON'S SOFT GLOW IS UPON THE LAND---
---NEITHER LUNAR LANDINGS NOR A LURKING LEADER ENTER THE THOUGHTS OF A MAN AND WOMAN IN LOVE---!


A WOEFULLY-INFLATED PENNY FOR 'EM, BETTY
NOT PERCHANCE WAITING FOR ME TO TURN GREEN AGAIN, ARE YOU?
PLEASE, BRUCE...DON'T EVEN JOKE ABOUT THAT... NOT EVER!
I WAS JUST THINKING HOW UNREAL OUR HAPPINESS SEEMS...EVEN NOW!
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, DARLING... AFTER ALL THE TORMENT WE'VE BOTH BEEN THRU!
BUT, THE HULK IS GONE FROM BOTH OUR LIVES NOW...
...AND NOTHING WILL EVER COME BETWEEN US AGAIN!
NOTHING!
YOU ARE CORRECT FOR ONCE, MY DEAR DOCTOR BANNER!
FOR, SENTIMENTAL FOOL THAT I AM...
I AM ABOUT TO UNITE YOU AND YOUR LONG-SUFFERING LADY LOVE...
...IN THE BLISSFUL STATE OF... OBLIVION!
IT TOOK YOU YEARS TO CONQUER THE RADIATION THAT TURNED YOU INTO A GAMMA-RAY SPAWNED MONSTER!
BUT NOW, IT WILL TAKE ME ONLY A SINGLE, SEARING MOMENT TO DESTROY YOU!!
THE LIGHTEST TOUCH OF THIS HAIR-TRIGGER DISK, AND...
3.

NO!!
THAT WOULD BE TOO EASY... TOO PAIN-LESS!

FOR FOILING MY ATTEMPT TO START A WORLD WAR, THE HULK...OR BRUCE BANNER...MUST SUFFER!
I MUST HAVE TIME TO THINK.. TIME TO PLAN!
THEN, AND ONLY THEN, SHALL I DRINK FROM THE CUP OF REVENGE!


LOOK, BRUCE! A SHOOTING STAR!
IT'S AN OMEN... YES, AN OMEN OF GOOD LUCK!
WE DON'T NEED LUCK, BETTY...NOT ANY MORE!
ALL WE NEED IS TO BE LEFT ALONE, TO BUILD A LIFE TOGETHER...
IF THAT'S NOT TOO MUCH TO ASK!


BUT, IT IS FAR TOO MUCH TO ASK, BRUCE BANNER, OF THE RADIATION-BORN BEING WHO EVEN NOW STREAKS TOWARDS A SECRET, SUBTERRANEAN LAIR...
...THERE TO BROOD AND PLOT AMIDST THE SINISTER TRAPPINGS OF A LIFE LIVED ONLY FOR POWER...!
EVEN KILLING THE GIRL FIRST IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO PLEASE ME!
NOT UNLESS SHE DIES AT THE HAND OF... THE HULK!
YES... THAT'S IT!
THE MONSTER MUST RETURN ONCE MORE...IN TIME TO KILL BRUCE BANNER'S BRIDE!
AND, IT MUST BE...ON THE VERY DAY OF THE WEDDING!
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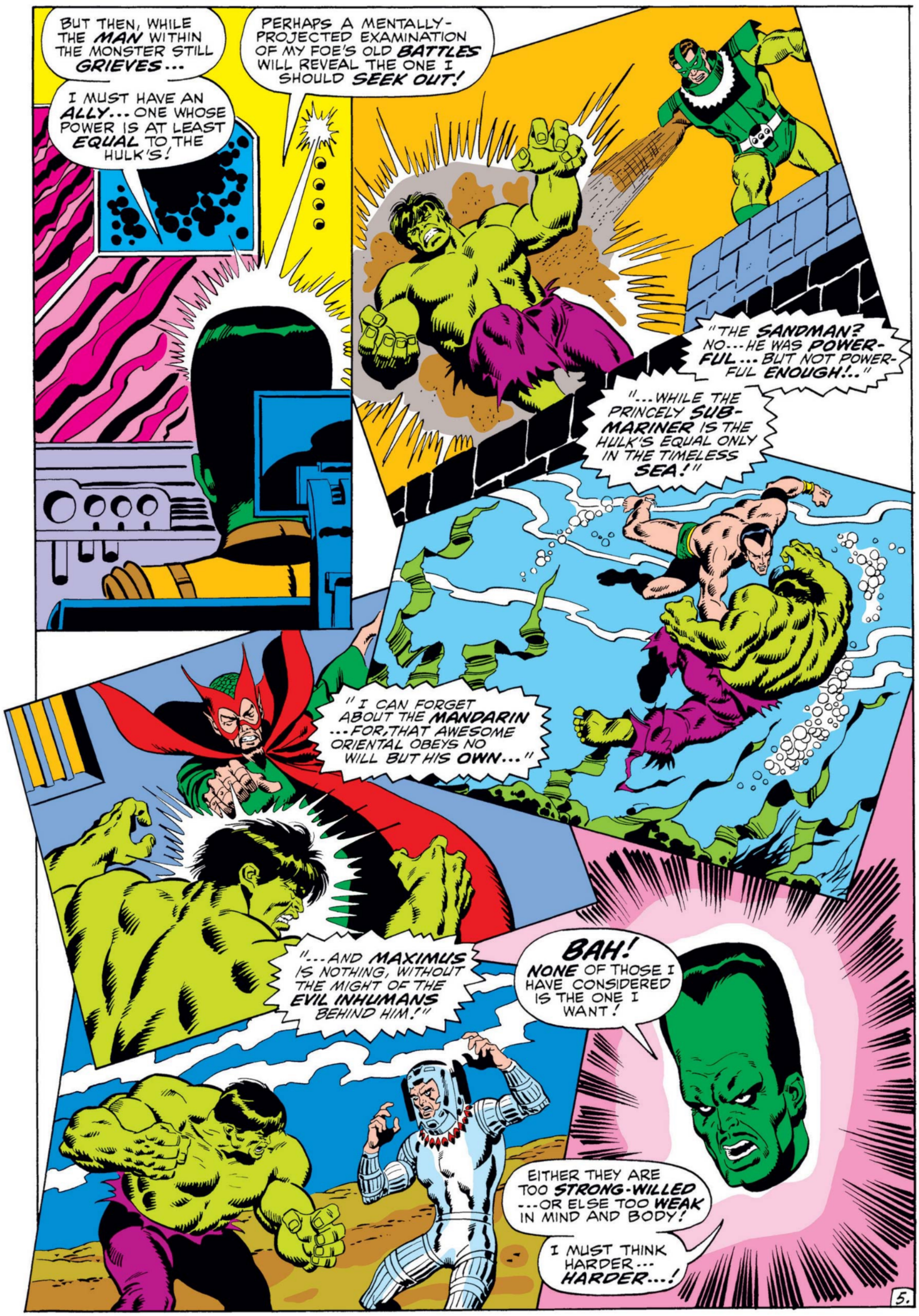
BUT THEN, WHILE THE MAN WITHIN THE MONSTER STILL GRIEVES...
I MUST HAVE AN ALLY... ONE WHOSE POWER IS AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE HULK'S!
PERHAPS A MENTALLY-PROJECTED EXAMINATION OF MY FOE'S OLD BATTLES WILL REVEAL THE ONE I SHOULD SEEK OUT!
"THE SANDMAN? NO...HE WAS POWERFUL... BUT NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH!.."
"...WHILE THE PRINCELY SUB-MARINER IS THE HULK'S EQUAL ONLY IN THE TIMELESS SEA!"
"I CAN FORGET ABOUT THE MANDARIN ...FOR, THAT AWESOME ORIENTAL OBEYS NO WILL BUT HIS OWN..."
"...AND MAXIMUS IS NOTHING, WITHOUT THE MIGHT OF THE EVIL INHUMANS BEHIND HIM!"
BAH! NONE OF THOSE I HAVE CONSIDERED IS THE ONE I WANT!
EITHER THEY ARE TOO STRONG-WILLED ...OR ELSE TOO WEAK IN MIND AND BODY!
I MUST THINK HARDER... HARDER...!
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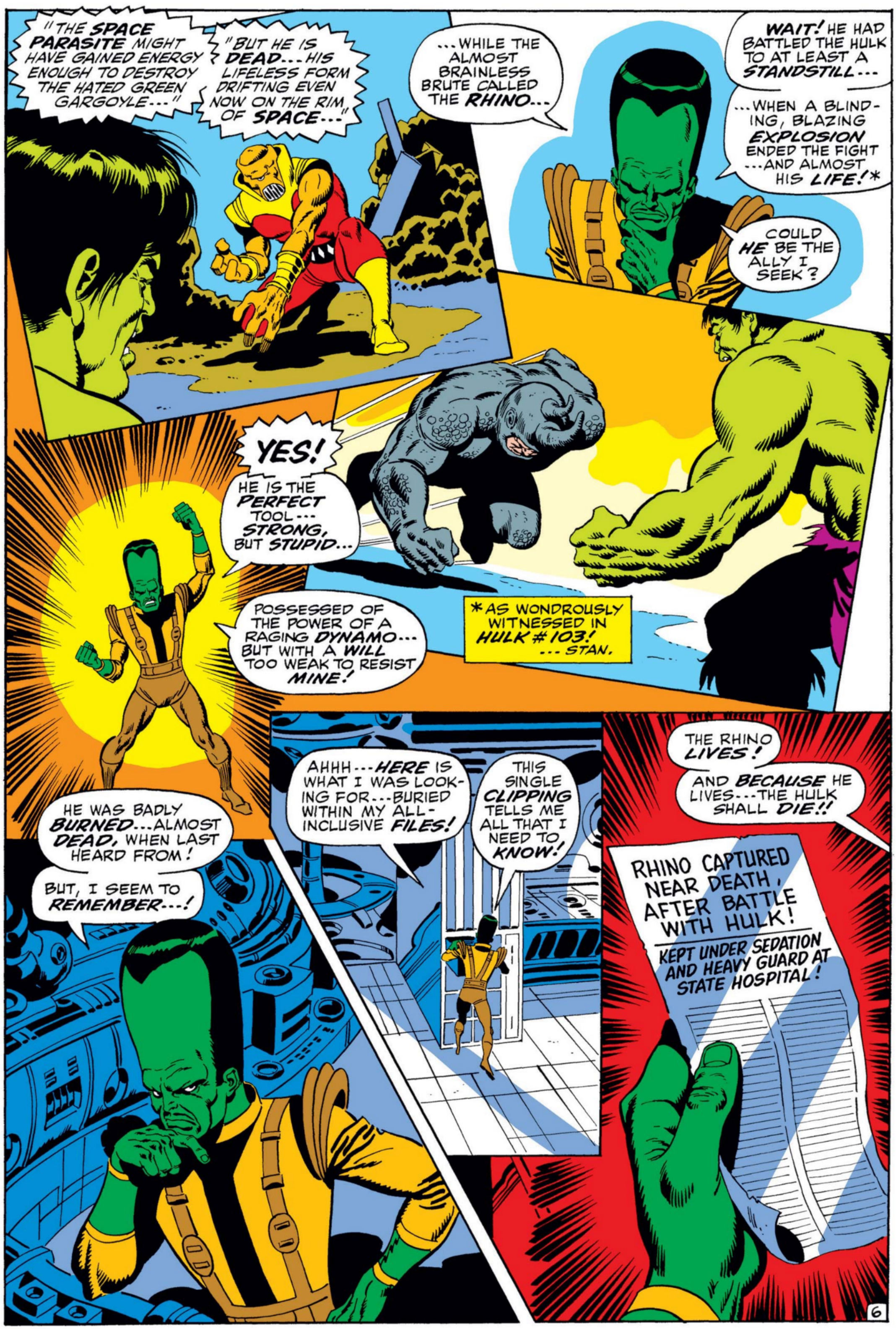
"THE SPACE PARASITE MIGHT HAVE GAINED ENERGY ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE HATED GREEN GARGOYLE..."
"BUT HE IS DEAD...HIS LIFELESS FORM DRIFTING EVEN NOW ON THE RIM OF SPACE..."
...WHILE THE ALMOST BRAINLESS BRUTE CALLED THE RHINO...
WAIT! HE HAD BATTLED THE HULK TO AT LEAST A STANDSTILL...
...WHEN A BLINDING, BLAZING EXPLOSION ENDED THE FIGHT ...AND ALMOST HIS LIFE!*
COULD HE BE THE ALLY I SEEK?
YES!
HE IS THE PERFECT TOOL... STRONG, BUT STUPID...
POSSESSED OF THE POWER OF A RAGING DYNAMO... BUT WITH A WILL TOO WEAK TO RESIST MINE!
*AS WONDROUSLY WITNESSED IN HULK #103! ...STAN.
HE WAS BADLY BURNED...ALMOST DEAD, WHEN LAST HEARD FROM!
BUT, I SEEM TO REMEMBER...!
AHHH...HERE IS WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR...BURIED WITHIN MY ALL-INCLUSIVE FILES!
THIS SINGLE CLIPPING TELLS ME ALL THAT I NEED TO KNOW!
THE RHINO LIVES!
AND BECAUSE HE LIVES...THE HULK SHALL DIE!!
RHINO CAPTURED NEAR DEATH, AFTER BATTLE WITH HULK!
KEPT UNDER SEDATION AND HEAVY GUARD AT STATE HOSPITAL!
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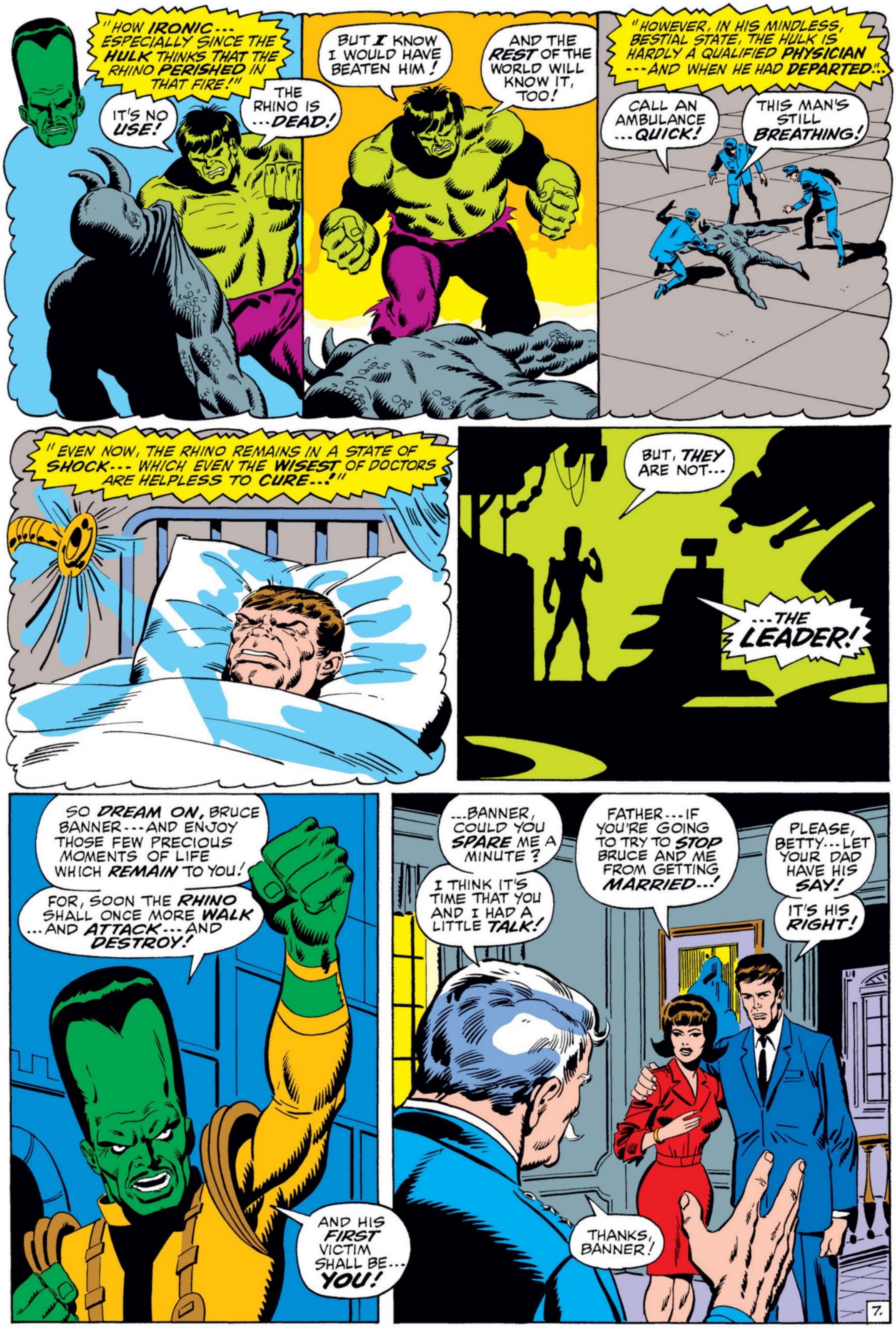
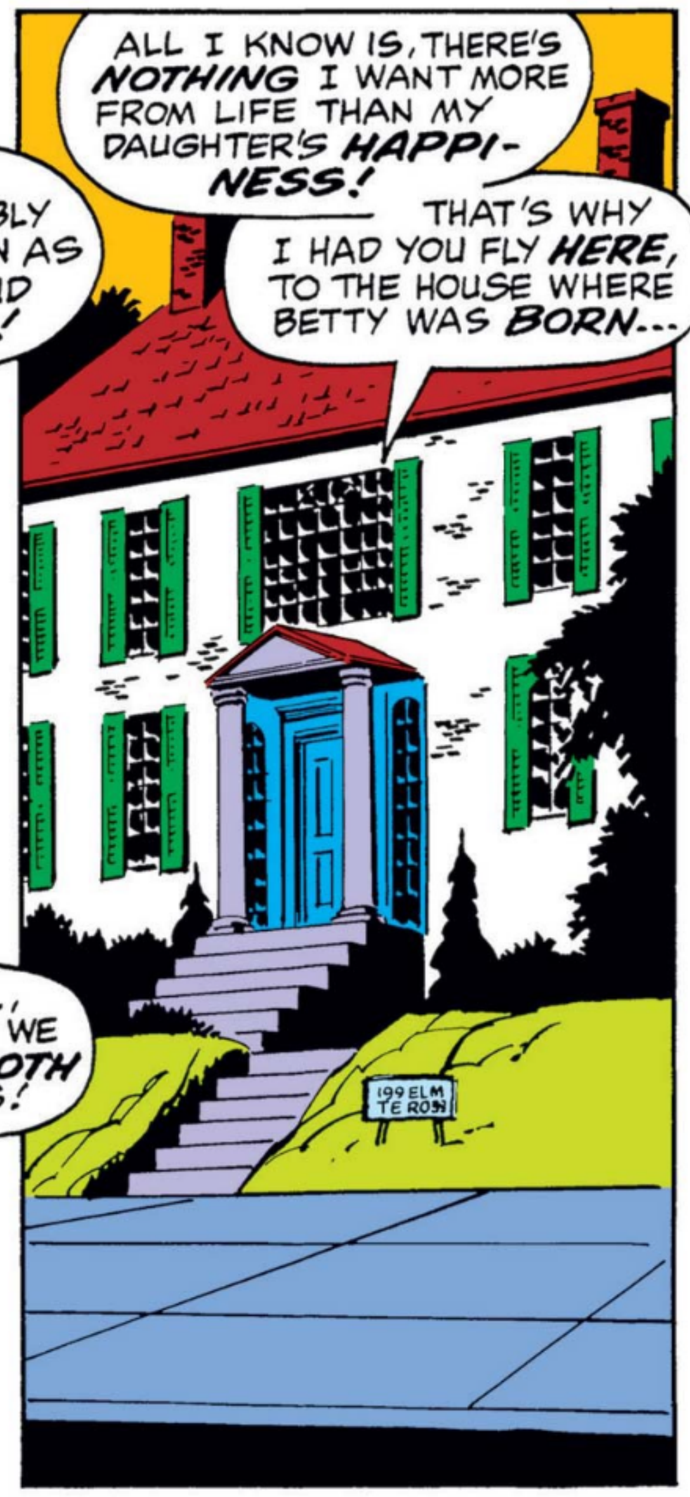

"HOW IRONIC... ESPECIALLY SINCE THE HULK THINKS THAT THE RHINO PERISHED IN THAT FIRE!"
IT'S NO USE!
THE RHINO IS ...DEAD!
BUT I KNOW I WOULD HAVE BEATEN HIM!
AND THE REST OF THE WORLD WILL KNOW IT, TOO!
"HOWEVER, IN HIS MINDLESS, BESTIAL STATE, THE HULK IS HARDLY A QUALIFIED PHYSICIAN ---AND WHEN HE HAD DEPARTED!"
CALL AN AMBULANCE ...QUICK!
THIS MAN'S STILL BREATHING!
"EVEN NOW, THE RHINO REMAINS IN A STATE OF SHOCK--- WHICH EVEN THE WISEST OF DOCTORS ARE HELPLESS TO CURE...!"
BUT, THEY ARE NOT...
...THE LEADER!
SO DREAM ON, BRUCE BANNER---AND ENJOY THOSE FEW PRECIOUS MOMENTS OF LIFE WHICH REMAIN TO YOU!
FOR, SOON THE RHINO SHALL ONCE MORE WALK ...AND ATTACK---AND DESTROY!
AND HIS FIRST VICTIM SHALL BE... YOU!
...BANNER, COULD YOU SPARE ME A MINUTE?
I THINK IT'S TIME THAT YOU AND I HAD A LITTLE TALK!
FATHER---IF YOU'RE GOING TO TRY TO STOP BRUCE AND ME FROM GETTING MARRIED...!
PLEASE, BETTY---LET YOUR DAD HAVE HIS SAY!
IT'S HIS RIGHT!
THANKS, BANNER!
7.

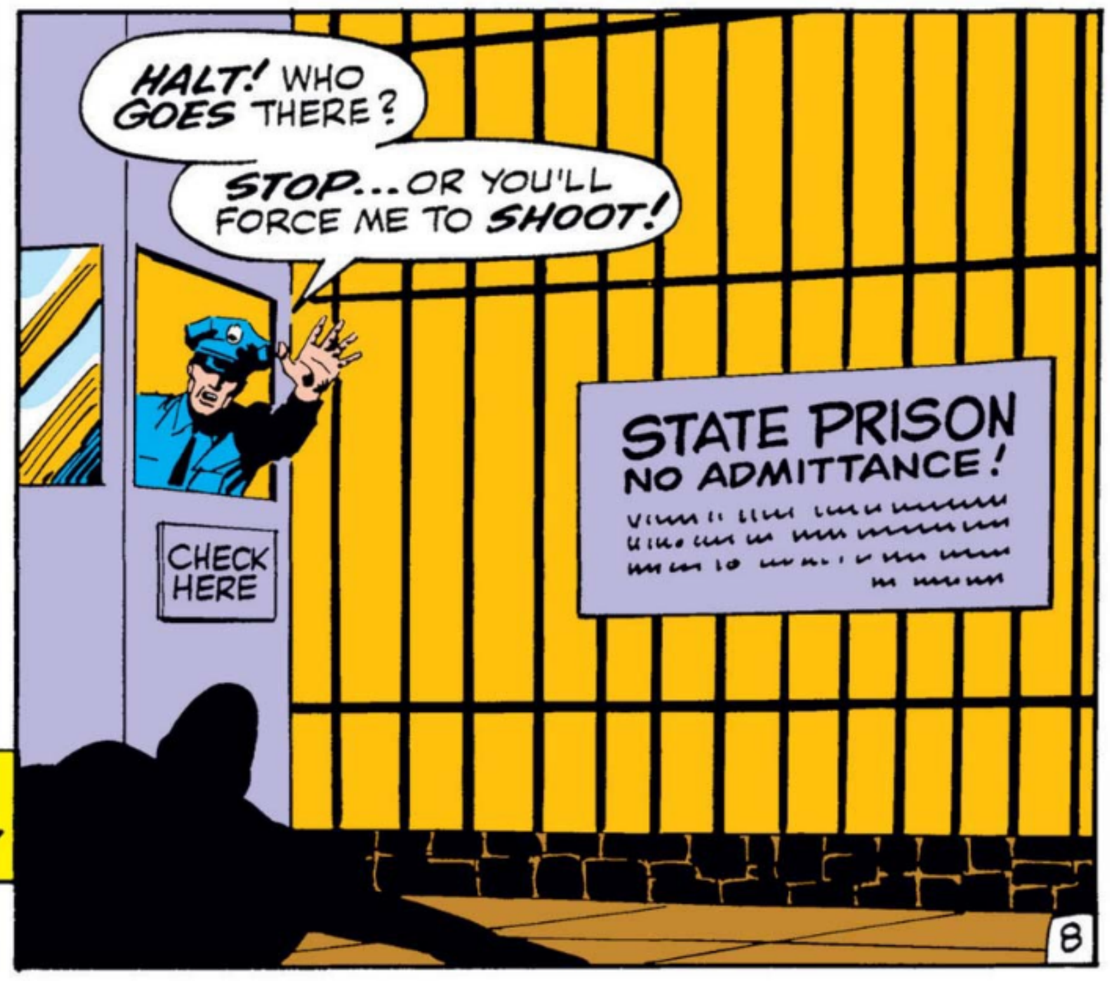
I KNOW WE'VE NEVER EXACTLY SEEN EYE TO EYE ON THINGS...
...THAT I'VE CALLED YOU A MILKSOP... A WEAKLING... AND WORSE...
AND THAT YOU'VE PROBABLY PUT ME DOWN AS ALL GUTS AND NO SENSE!
WELL, MAYBE WE WERE BOTH WRONG!


ALL I KNOW IS, THERE'S NOTHING I WANT MORE FROM LIFE THAN MY DAUGHTER'S HAPPI-NESS!
THAT'S WHY I HAD YOU FLY HERE, TO THE HOUSE WHERE BETTY WAS BORN...

...AND WHERE I'D LIKE HER TO BE MARRIED...
...SON!
OH, DAD...!
IT'D BE ...AN HONOR, GENERAL ROSS!

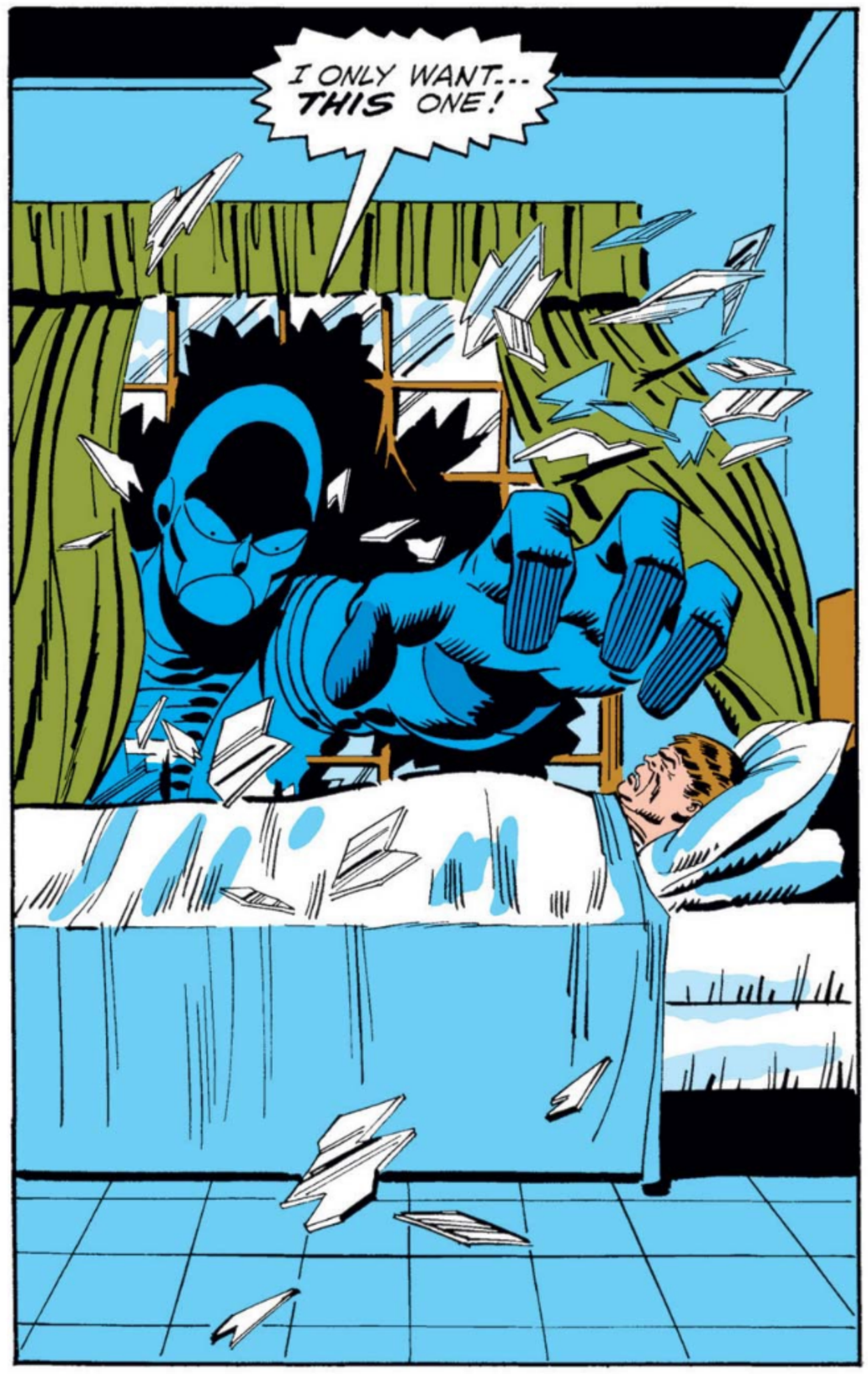
WELL, BETTY, FOR THE SECOND TIME TONIGHT...
I'LL GIVE YOU THAT WELL-KNOWN SUM FOR YOUR THOUGHTS!
YOU'D BE CHEATING YOURSELF, BRUCE!
'CAUSE WHAT I'M THINKING IS PROBABLY AS TRITE AS IT IS SINCERE...
...THAT I'VE JUST GOT TO BE THE HAPPIEST GIRL ALIVE!!

BUT, THE MOON SHINES ON MANY PLACES IN THE COURSE OF A MILD AUTUMN EVENING...
...AND NOT ALL THE MANY SCENES IT SEES ARE SO PLEASANT...!

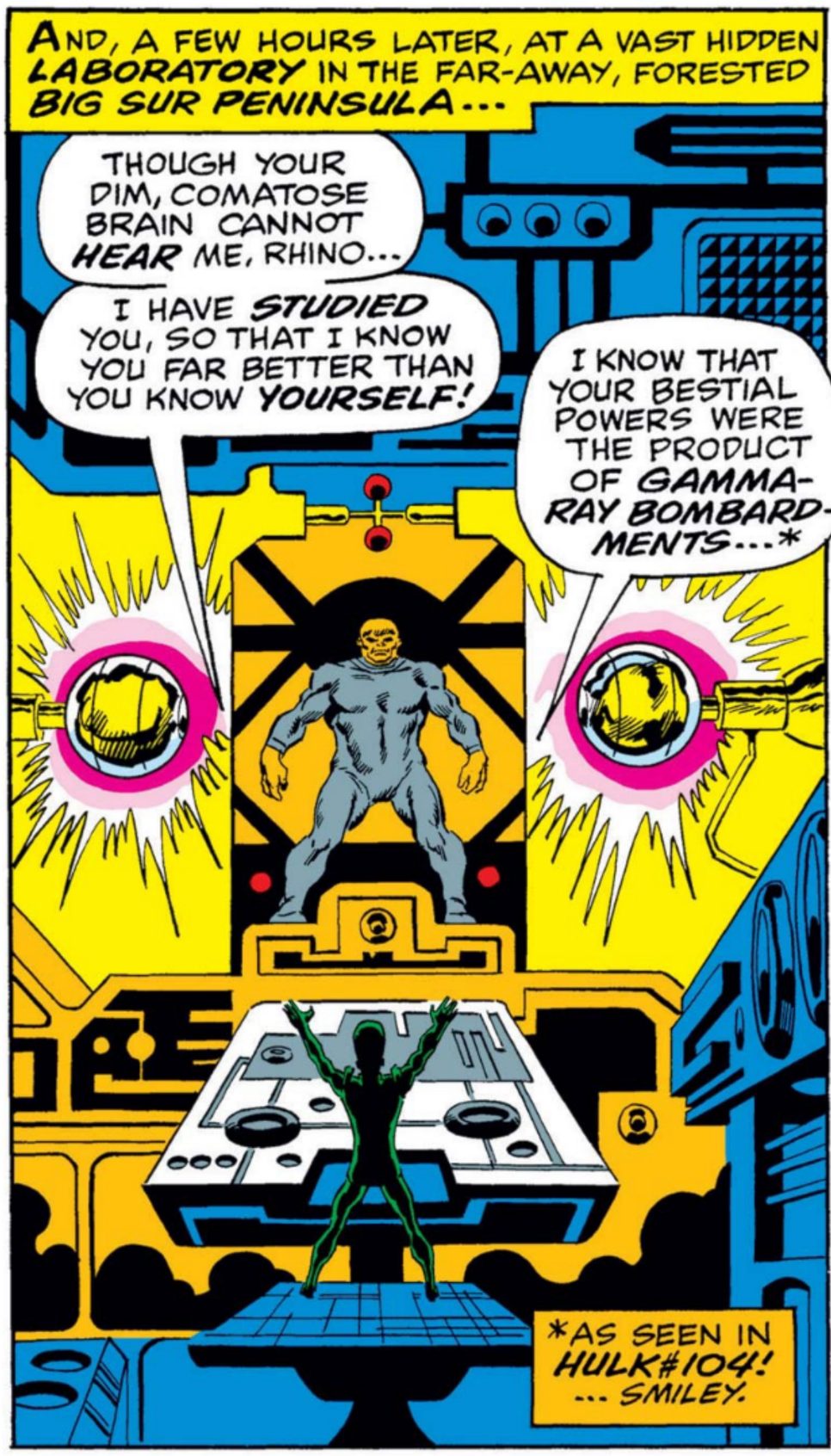

HALT! WHO GOES THERE?
STOP...OR YOU'LL FORCE ME TO SHOOT!
CHECK HERE
STATE PRISON
NO ADMITTANCE!

THAT'S THE BOY... STEP OUT IN THE MOONLIGHT WHERE I CAN GET A GOOD LOOK AT...
GOOD LORD!

OUT OF... MY WAY... HUMAN!
MY BUSINESS... IS NOT...WITH YOU!
SWAK!


I ONLY WANT... THIS ONE!

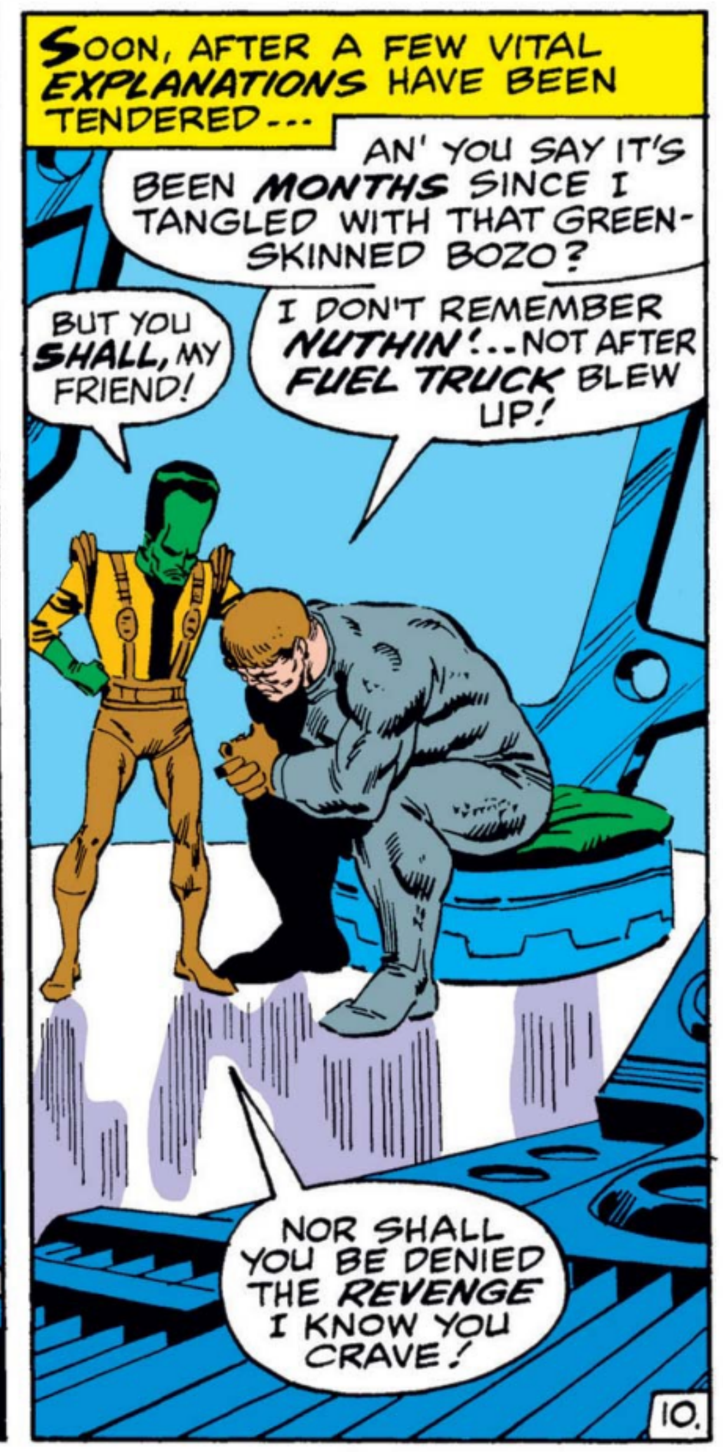
THAT---MONSTER TOOK THE RHINO!
STOP HIM!
HOW'RE WE GONNA DO THAT? THROW FLOWERS AT 'IM?
THE RHINO'S STILL OUT! HE KNEW NOTHING OF THIS!
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO PUT OUT AN ALL-COUNTS ON HIM...
...OR PITY HIM!!

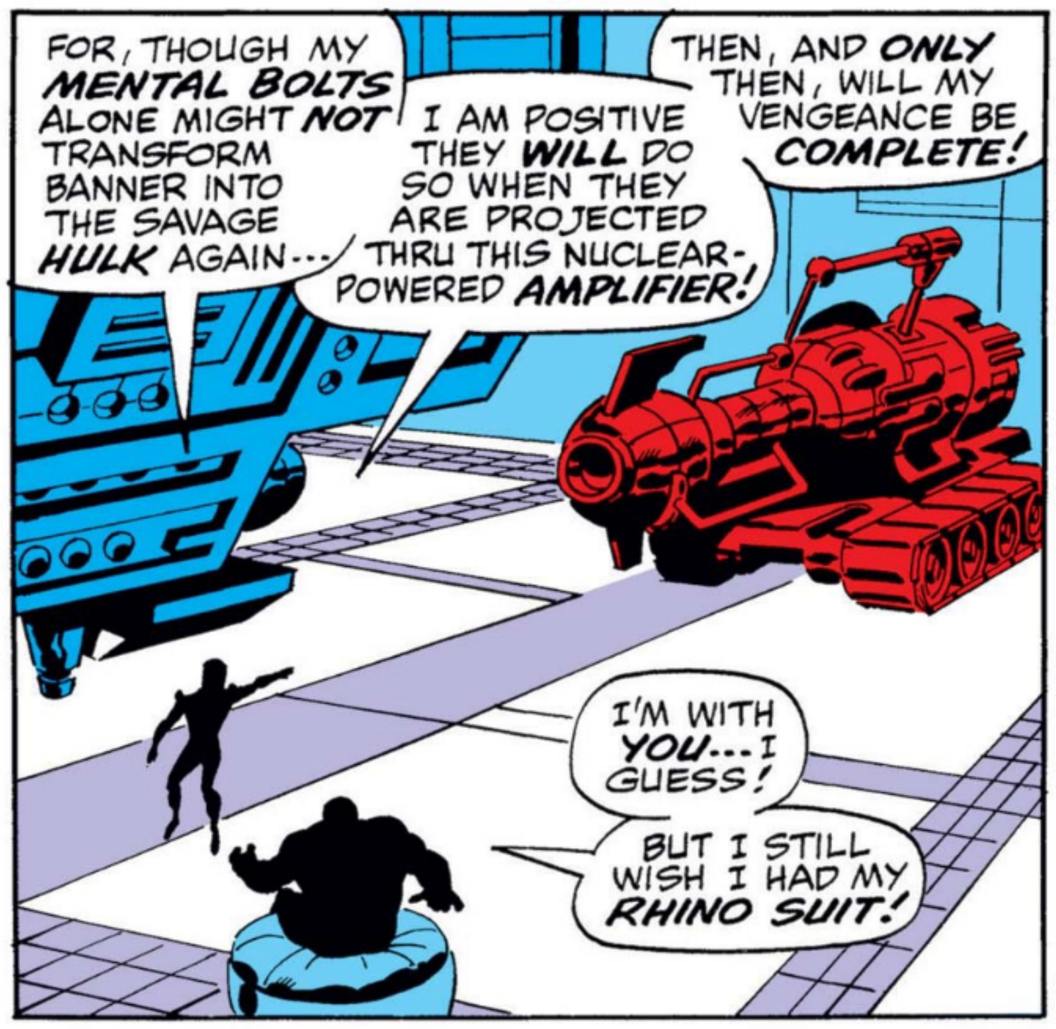

AND, A FEW HOURS LATER, AT A VAST HIDDEN LABORATORY IN THE FAR-AWAY, FORESTED BIG SUR PENINSULA...
THOUGH YOUR DIM, COMATOSE BRAIN CANNOT HEAR ME, RHINO...
I HAVE STUDIED YOU, SO THAT I KNOW YOU FAR BETTER THAN YOU KNOW YOURSELF!
I KNOW THAT YOUR BESTIAL POWERS WERE THE PRODUCT OF GAMMA-RAY BOMBARDMENTS...*
*AS SEEN IN HULK#104! ... SMILEY.

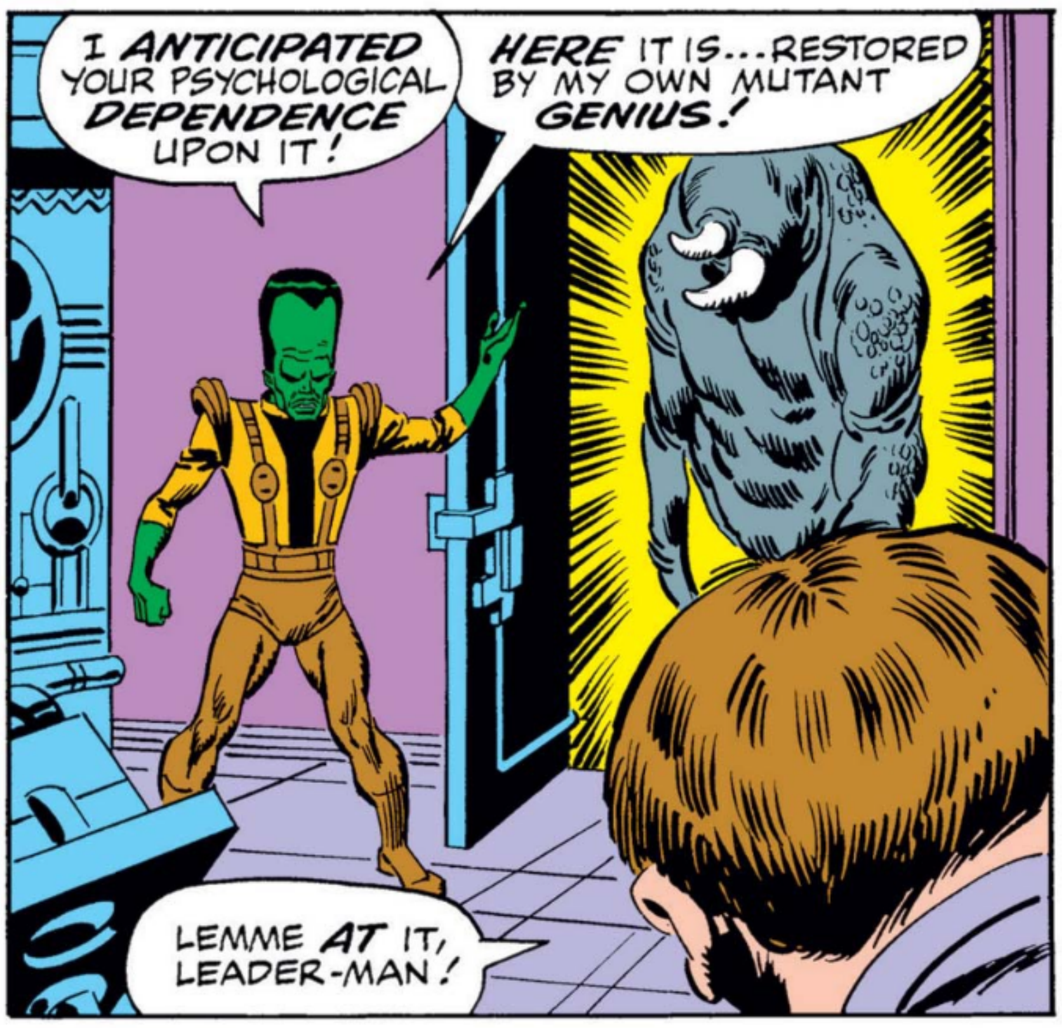
AND, SINCE MY OWN MIGHTY BRAIN WAS THE PRODUCT OF RAMPANT GAMMA-RAYS, AS WELL...
I HAVE CALCULATED THAT YOUR BRUTE PROWESS CAN BEST BE RESTORED..
...BY THE POWER OF MY MAGNIFICENT MENTAL BOLTS!!

FOR SUSPENSE-FILLED MOMENTS, THE STILL, GARGANTUAN FORM OF THE RHINO IS BATHED IN ENERGY SUCH AS FEW MEN HAVE EVER BEHELD...!
AND THEN, THERE IS THE FIRST FAINT FLICKER OF FEELING IN THOSE CRUEL, PIGGISH EYES... AND THE RHINO LIVES!!

THE... HULK!
WHERE'S HE GONE TO? I GOTTA FIND 'IM...!
MY MENTAL TREATMENT WORKED... AS I KNEW IT WOULD!


SOON, AFTER A FEW VITAL EXPLANATIONS HAVE BEEN TENDERED...
AN' YOU SAY IT'S BEEN MONTHS SINCE I TANGLED WITH THAT GREEN-SKINNED BOZO?
BUT YOU SHALL, MY FRIEND!
I DON'T REMEMBER NUTHIN'!..NOT AFTER FUEL TRUCK BLEW UP!
NOR SHALL YOU BE DENIED THE REVENGE I KNOW YOU CRAVE!





THIS IS MORE LIKE IT!

I WASN'T QUITE SURE BEFORE, JUST HOW STRONG ALL YOUR BRAIN-BLASTIN' MADE ME!

BUT NOW, I KNOW I'M STRONGER ---FASTER THAN EVER!

LEAD ME TO THE HULK... NOW!

THE RHINO'LL MAKE MINCEMEAT OUT OF 'IM!!

NO, RHINO! NOT JUST YET!

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YOU MAY BE CERTAIN OF YOUR REBORN POWERS... BUT THE LEADER PREFERS A SURER TEST!
BEHOLD THE GIANT ANDROID WHICH RESCUED YOU!
I ONCE CONSIDERED USING HIM TO BATTLE THE MIND-LESS HULK...!
AN' YOU WANT OL' RHINO TO TAKE 'IM OUT, HUH?
OKAY, IF THAT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY, LEADER-MAN!
HE MAY BE BIGGER AND MEANER-LOOKIN' THAN ANYTHIN' I EVER TACKLED BEFORE...
STILL, IT AIN'T WHETHER YOU CAN DISH IT OUT THAT COUNTS...
...BUT WHETHER YOU CAN TAKE IT!!
KUH-
WHAM!
WELL, LITTLE GREENIE TWO-SHOES?
NOW DO YA THINK I'M READY TO TAKE ON THE HULK?
I'LL FORGIVE YOUR INSOLENCE THIS ONCE, RHINO...
...BECAUSE YOU SUCCEEDED BEYOND EVEN MY EXPECTA-TIONS!
THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!
THE HULK ...AND BRUCE BANNER...ARE DOOMED!!
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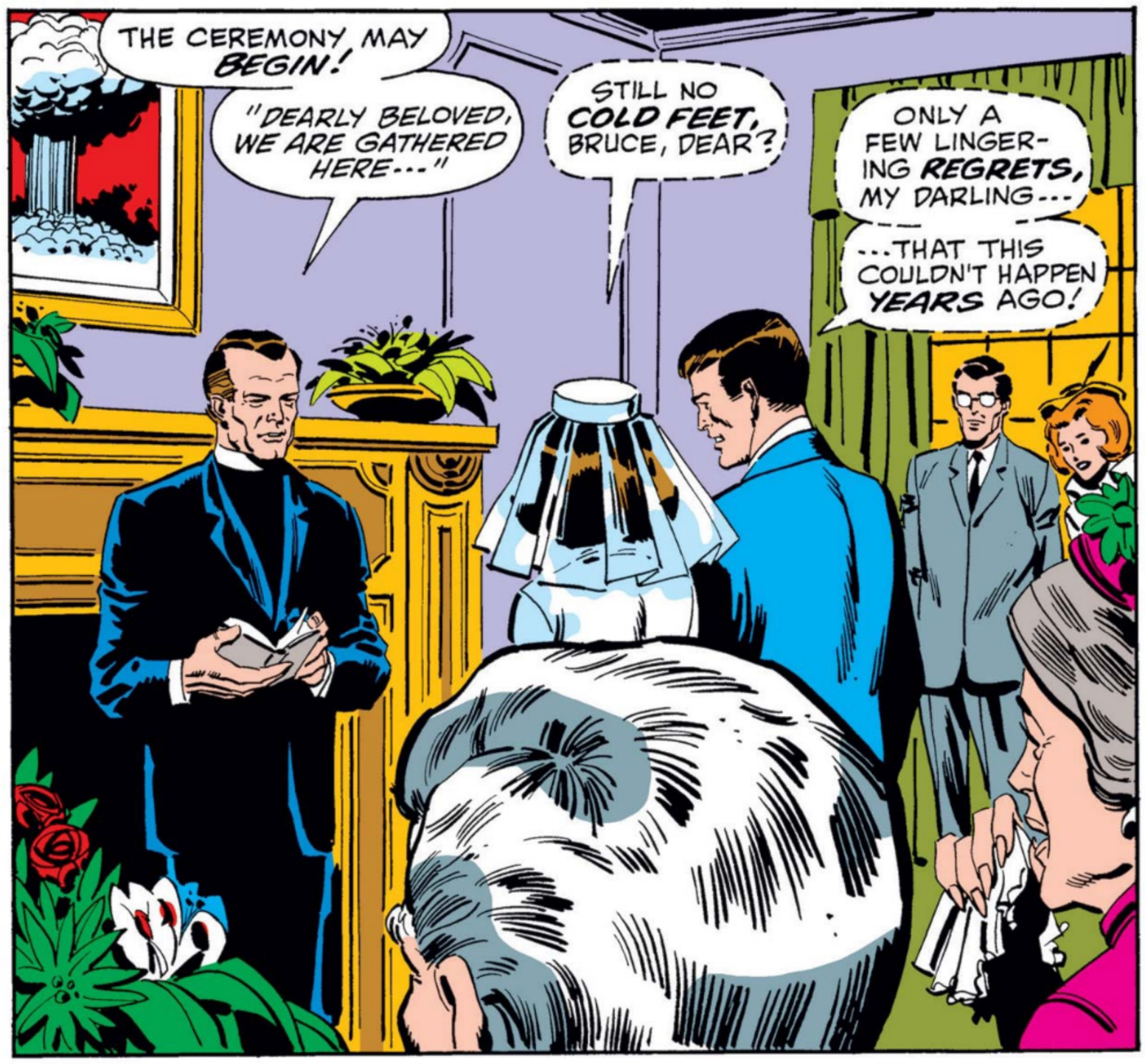
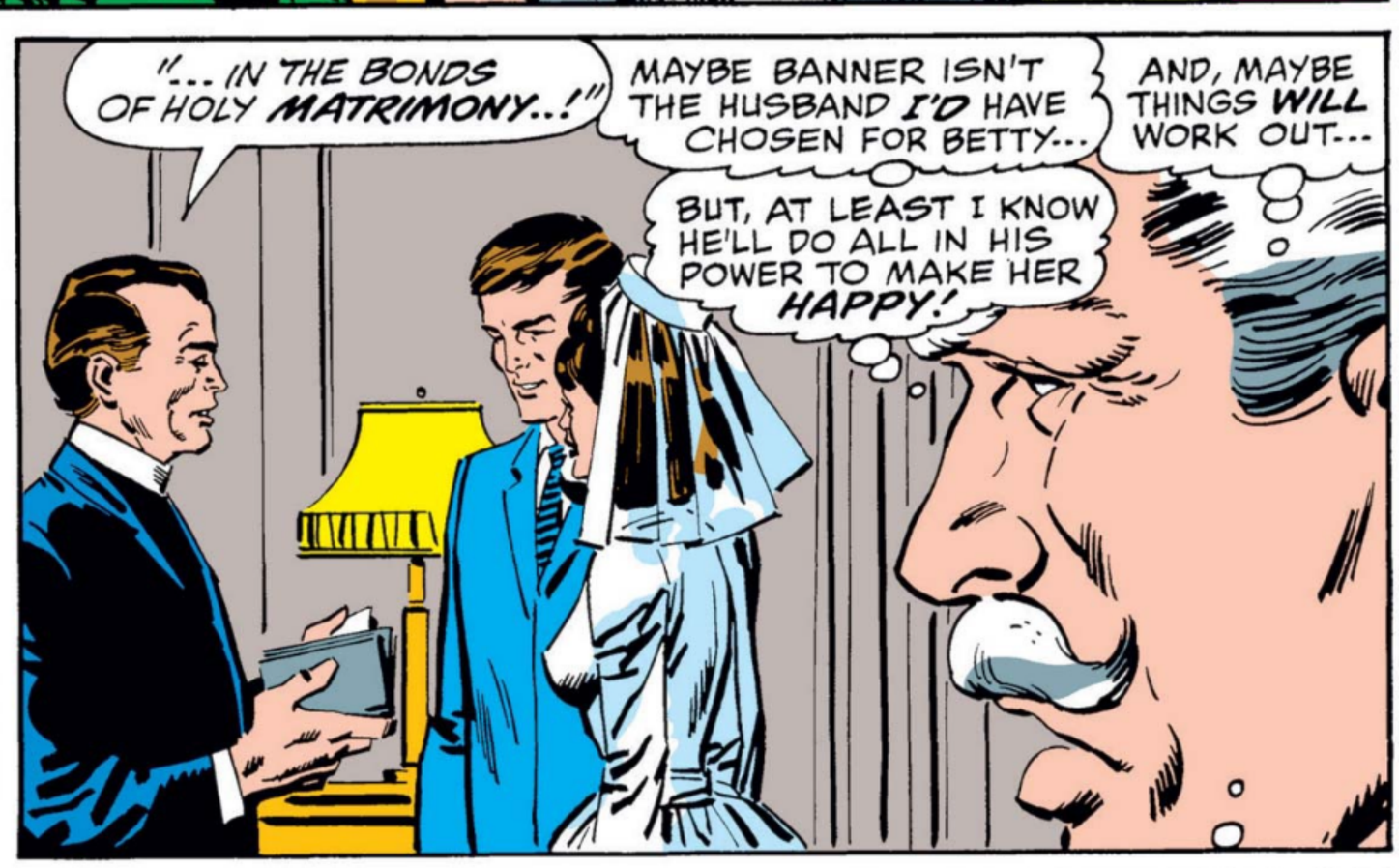
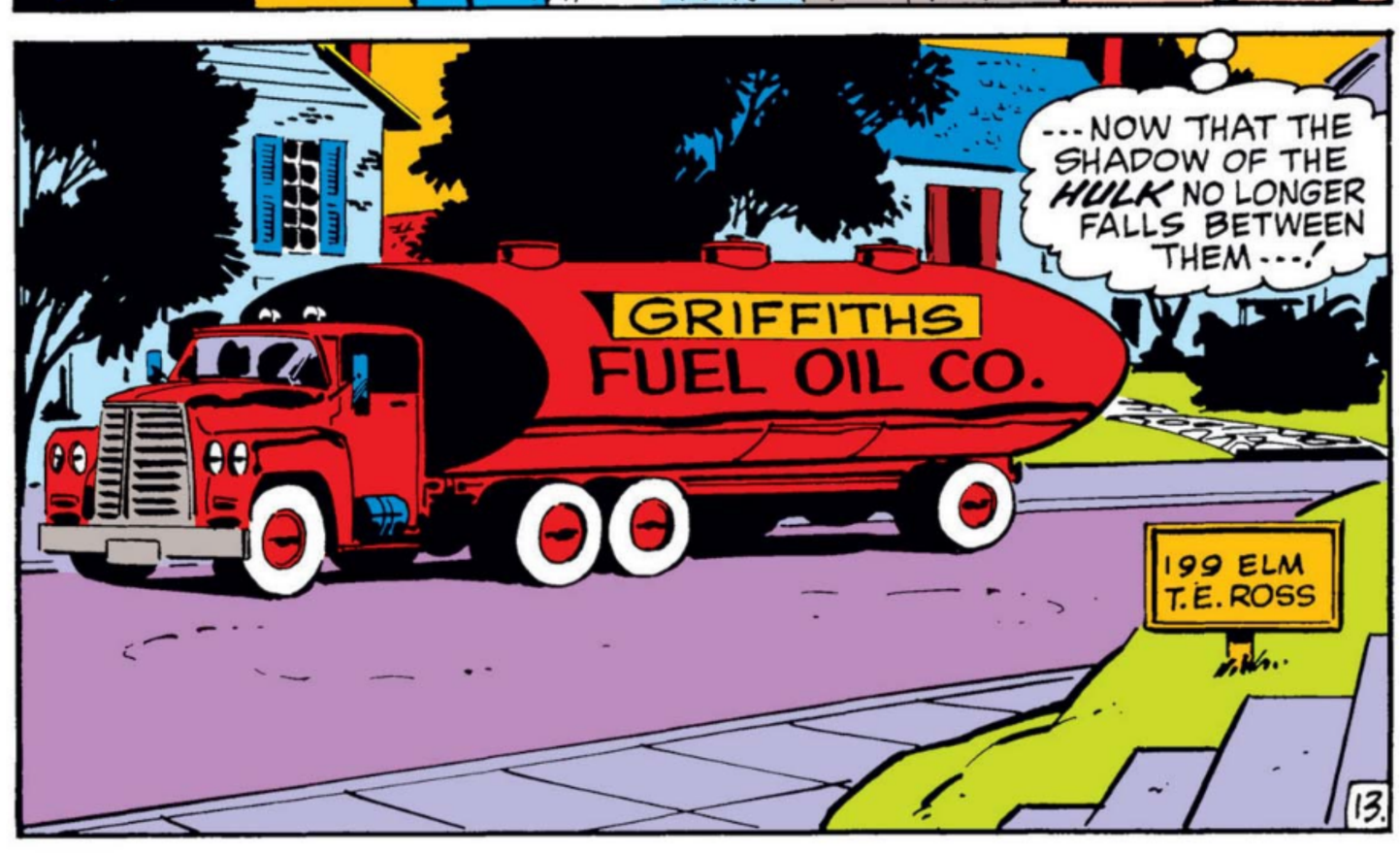
THE DAY DAWNS BRIGHTLY ON THE HOUSE WHERE BETTY ROSS WAS BORN... THE HOUSE WHERE SHE IS TO BE MARRIED THIS DAY!
AND, AS THE HANDFUL OF INVITED GUESTS ARRIVE---


THE CEREMONY MAY BEGIN!
"DEARLY BELOVED, WE ARE GATHERED HERE---"
STILL NO COLD FEET, BRUCE, DEAR?
ONLY A FEW LINGERING REGRETS, MY DARLING---
---THAT THIS COULDN'T HAPPEN YEARS AGO!

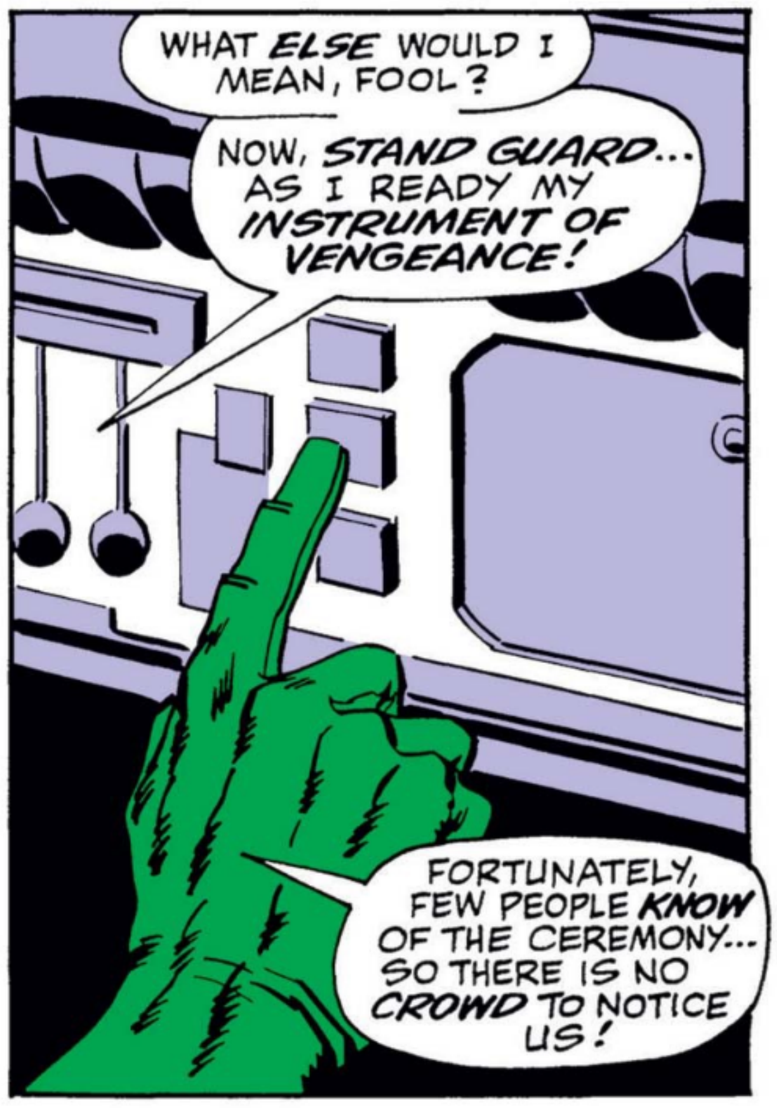
"...TO BRING TOGETHER THIS MAN AND THIS WOMAN---"


"...IN THE BONDS OF HOLY MATRIMONY..!"
MAYBE BANNER ISN'T THE HUSBAND I'D HAVE CHOSEN FOR BETTY...
BUT, AT LEAST I KNOW HE'LL DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO MAKE HER HAPPY!
AND, MAYBE THINGS WILL WORK OUT---


---NOW THAT THE SHADOW OF THE HULK NO LONGER FALLS BETWEEN THEM---!
GRIFFITHS
FUEL OIL CO.
199 ELM
T.E. ROSS
13.

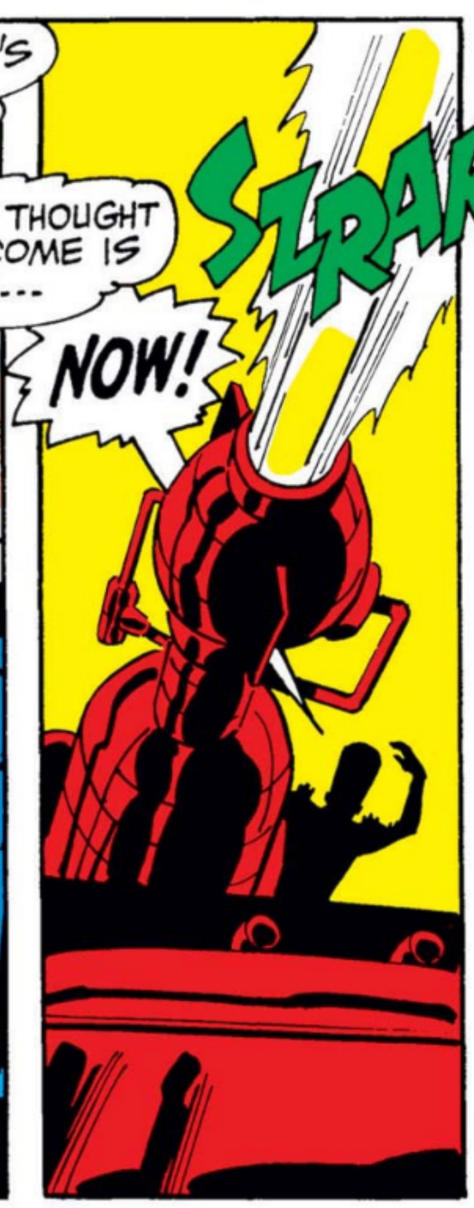
I DON'T GET IT, LEADER!
WHY THE CLOAK'N' DAGGER STUFF, WHEN I COULD JUST CHARGE IN AN' MASSACRE BANNER?
BECAUSE, YOU MUSCLE-BOUND OAF...
GRIFFITHS FUEL OIL CO.

FIRST HE MUST SUFFER, AS ONLY A MAN CAN...
...WHO HAS KILLED THE ONE HE HOLDS MOST DEAR!
YOU MEAN THE GIRL, RIGHT?

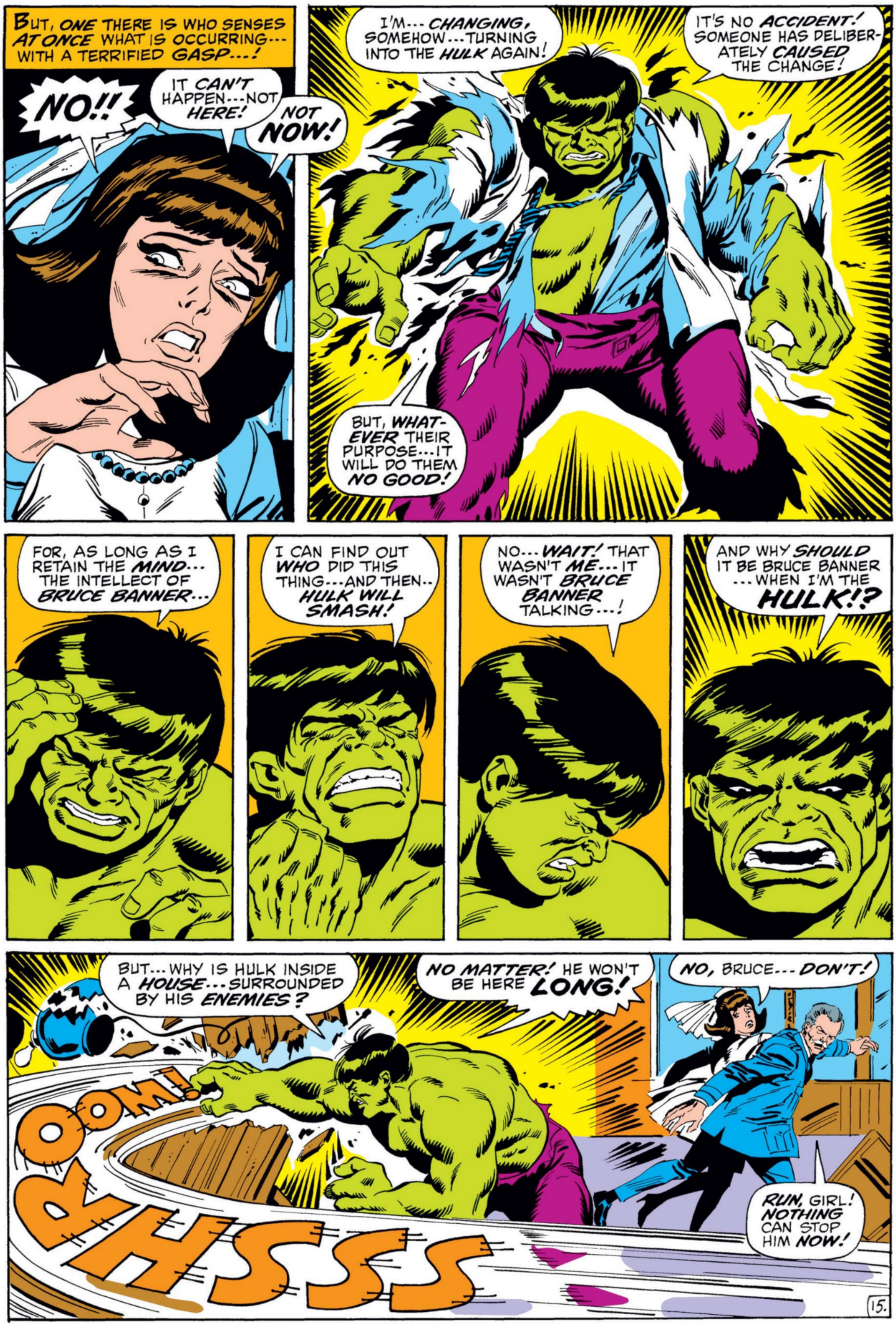

WHAT ELSE WOULD I MEAN, FOOL?
NOW, STAND GUARD... AS I READY MY INSTRUMENT OF VENGEANCE!
FORTUNATELY, FEW PEOPLE KNOW OF THE CEREMONY... SO THERE IS NO CROWD TO NOTICE US!

BUT HEY, LEADER... DIDN'T I HEAR ON THE RADIO A WHILE BACK...
...THAT THE HULK HAS BANNER'S MIND NOW?
IF THAT'S SO, THE HULK SURE AIN'T GONNA KILL NOBODY!
THE LEADER PREPARES FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES, MY FRIEND!
I HAVE CALCULATED THAT THIRTY SECONDS' EXPOSURE TO MY RAY WILL NEGATE BANNER'S INFLUENCE!
NOW, BE SILENT... FOR THE TIME HAS COME!
STOP

"...AND NOW, BY THE POWER INVESTED IN ME..."
IT'S HERE! IT'S ACTUALLY ARRIVED!
THE MOMENT I THOUGHT WOULD NEVER COME IS HERE, RIGHT...


NOW!
SLRAK!

"...I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN..."
AARRHHH!
WHAT IN THE NAME OF HEAVEN??

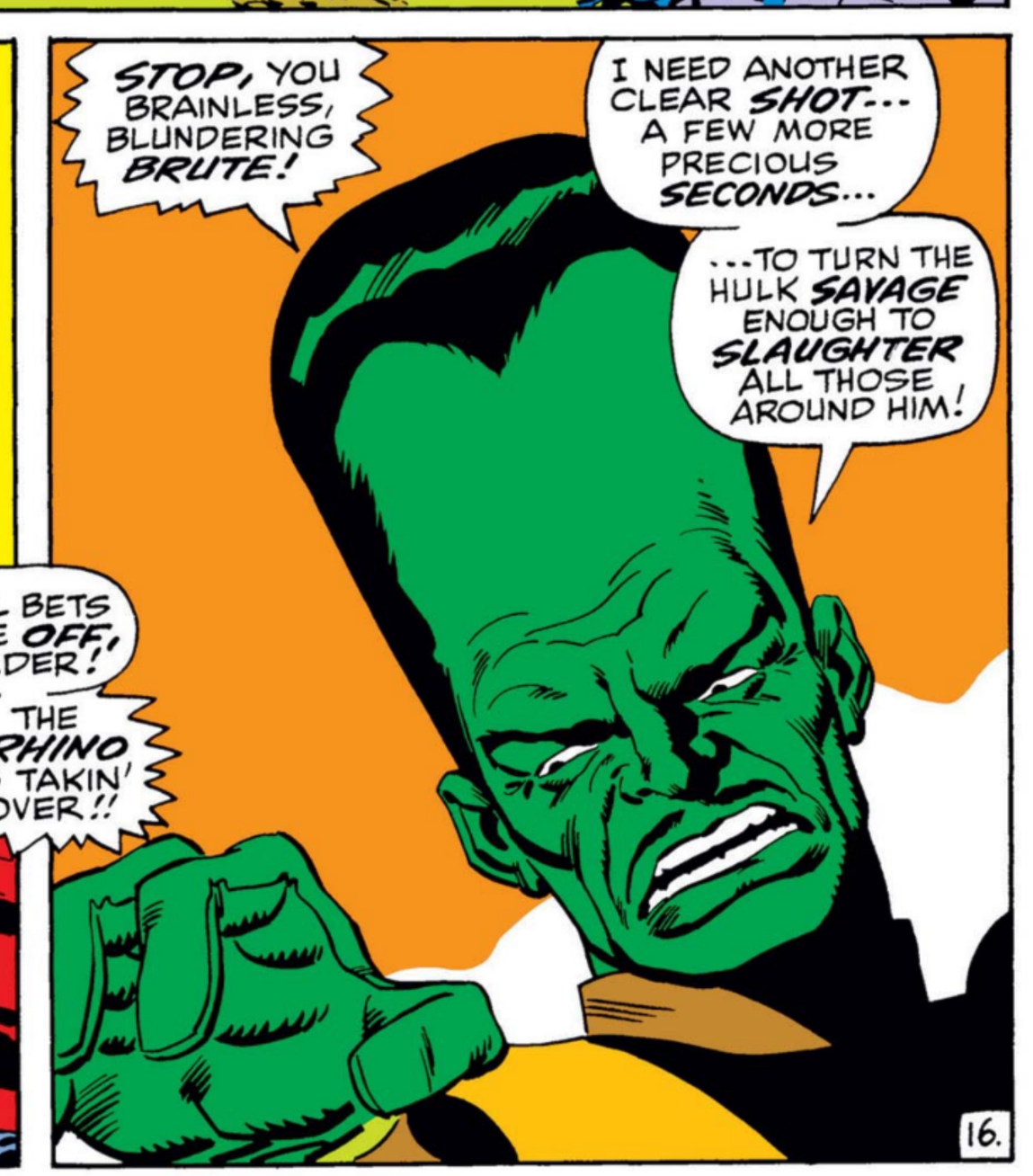

BUT, ONE THERE IS WHO SENSES AT ONCE WHAT IS OCCURRING--- WITH A TERRIFIED GASP---!
NO!!
IT CAN'T HAPPEN---NOT HERE!
NOT NOW!
I'M--- CHANGING, SOMEHOW---TURNING INTO THE HULK AGAIN!
IT'S NO ACCIDENT! SOMEONE HAS DELIBERATELY CAUSED THE CHANGE!
BUT, WHATEVER THEIR PURPOSE---IT WILL DO THEM NO GOOD!
FOR, AS LONG AS I RETAIN THE MIND--- THE INTELLECT OF BRUCE BANNER---
I CAN FIND OUT WHO DID THIS THING---AND THEN-- HULK WILL SMASH!
NO--- WAIT! THAT WASN'T ME--- IT WASN'T BRUCE BANNER TALKING---!
AND WHY SHOULD IT BE BRUCE BANNER ---WHEN I'M THE HULK!?
BUT--- WHY IS HULK INSIDE A HOUSE---SURROUNDED BY HIS ENEMIES?
NO MATTER! HE WON'T BE HERE LONG!
NO, BRUCE--- DON'T!
OOM!
SSSHR
RUN, GIRL! NOTHING CAN STOP HIM NOW!
15.

NO ONE KEEPS THE HULK PENNED UP INSIDE FOUR WALLS!

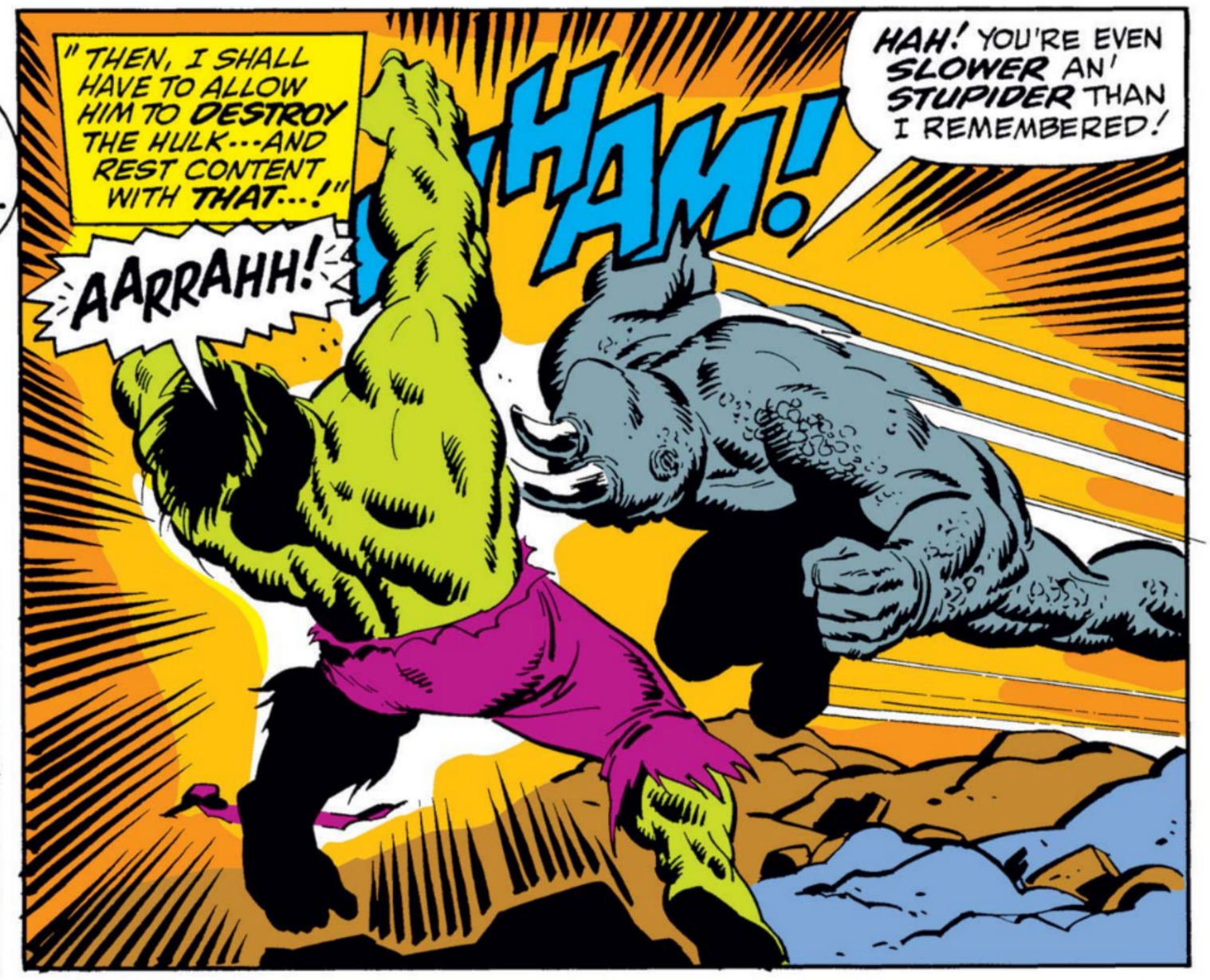
NO ONE!!
THOOOM!

AND, EVEN AS HE SPEAKS, THE FOUR STRONG WALLS SURROUND OUR GREEN-SKINNED GOLEM NO LONGER...!
HULK IS FREE AGAIN!
FREE!

THAT'S WHAT THAT PLUG-UGLY THINKS!
I WUZ BROUGHT HERE TO KILL HIM...AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M GONNA DO!
ALL BETS ARE OFF, LEADER!
THE RHINO IS TAKIN' OVER!!


STOP, YOU BRAINLESS, BLUNDERING BRUTE!
I NEED ANOTHER CLEAR SHOT--- A FEW MORE PRECIOUS SECONDS...
...TO TURN THE HULK SAVAGE ENOUGH TO SLAUGHTER ALL THOSE AROUND HIM!

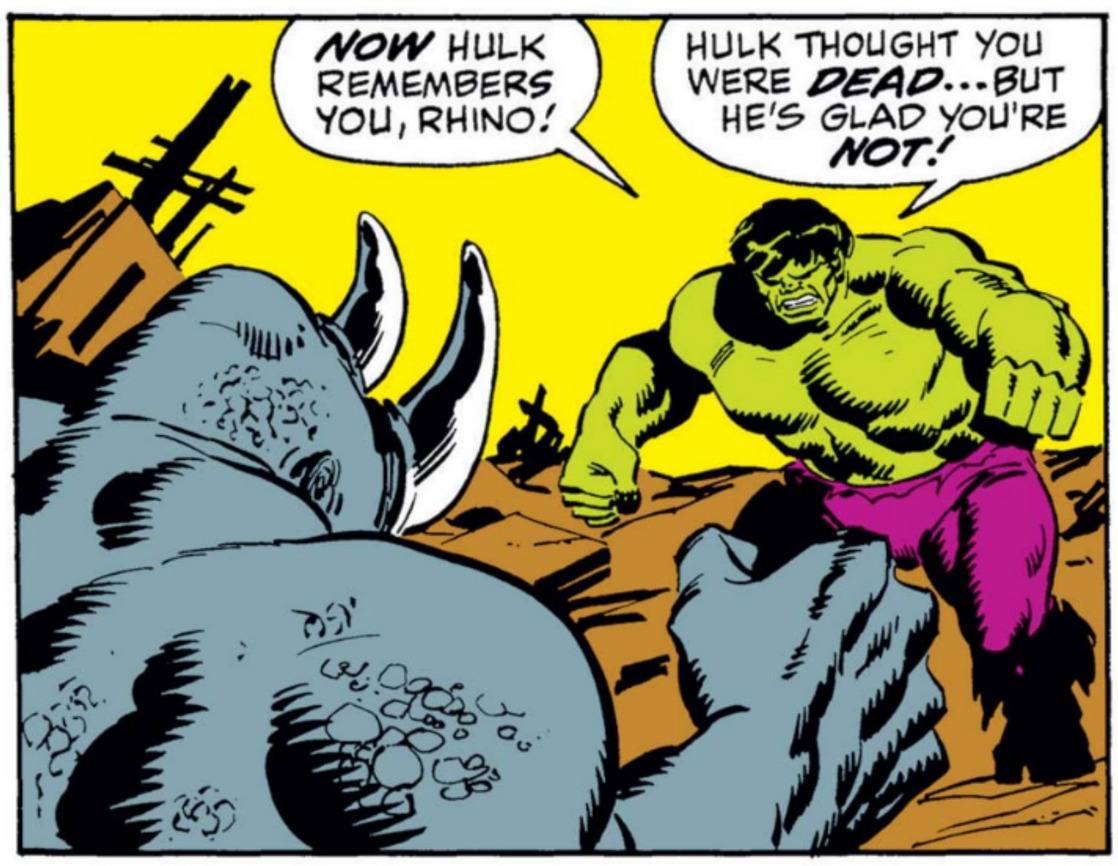
NO USE! HE CAN'T EVEN HEAR ME!
AND HE'S CHARGING TOO SWIFTLY FOR ME TO FOCUS A MENTAL BOLT UPON HIM!

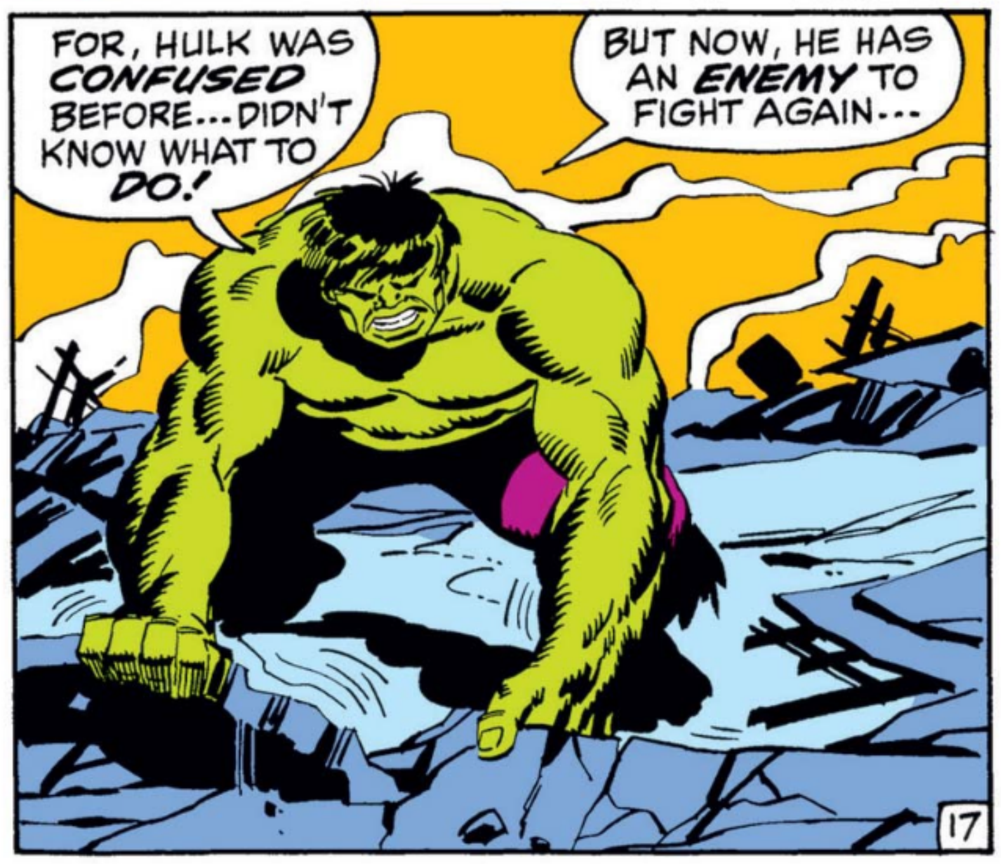

"THEN, I SHALL HAVE TO ALLOW HIM TO DESTROY THE HULK---AND REST CONTENT WITH THAT---!"
AARRAHH!
HAM!
HAH! YOU'RE EVEN SLOWER AN' STUPIDER THAN I REMEMBERED!

LOOK AT ME, GREENIE--- DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME?
I'M THE RHINO!
THE--- RHINO---?

STILL DON'T RECALL ME, HUH?
WELL, ONE GOOD RIGHT TO THAT UGLY JAW OUGHTTA---

YEEEOWWW!


NOW HULK REMEMBERS YOU, RHINO!
HULK THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD---BUT HE'S GLAD YOU'RE NOT!


FOR, HULK WAS CONFUSED BEFORE---DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO!
BUT NOW, HE HAS AN ENEMY TO FIGHT AGAIN---

...AND HULK ALWAYS DEFEATS HIS ENEMIES!!
SKRUTCH!

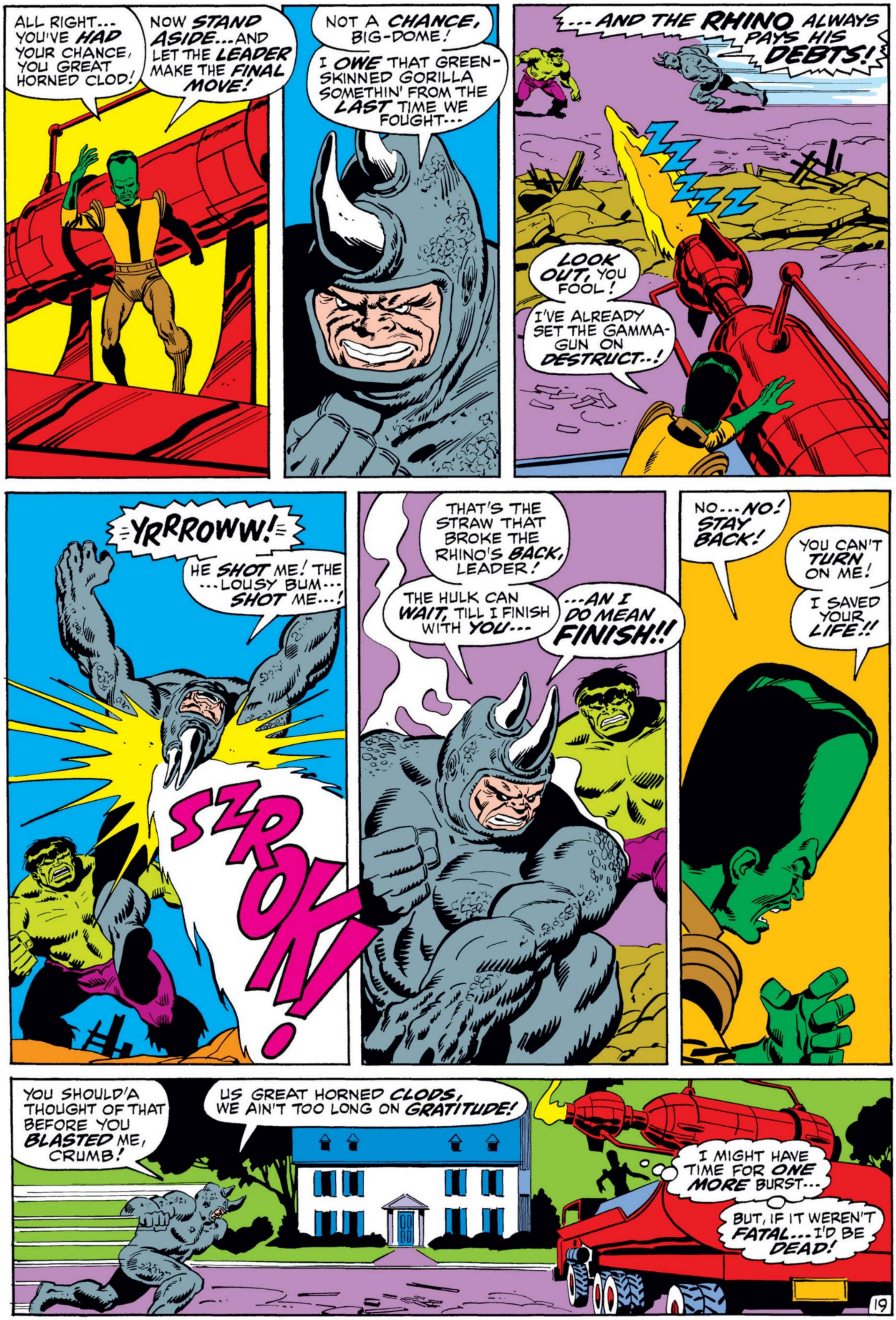
THAT KIND'A STUNT WOULDN'T STOP A GAMMA-RAYED FLEA!
YER TOO USED TO FIGHTIN' PANTY-WAISTS LIKE THE LEADER!

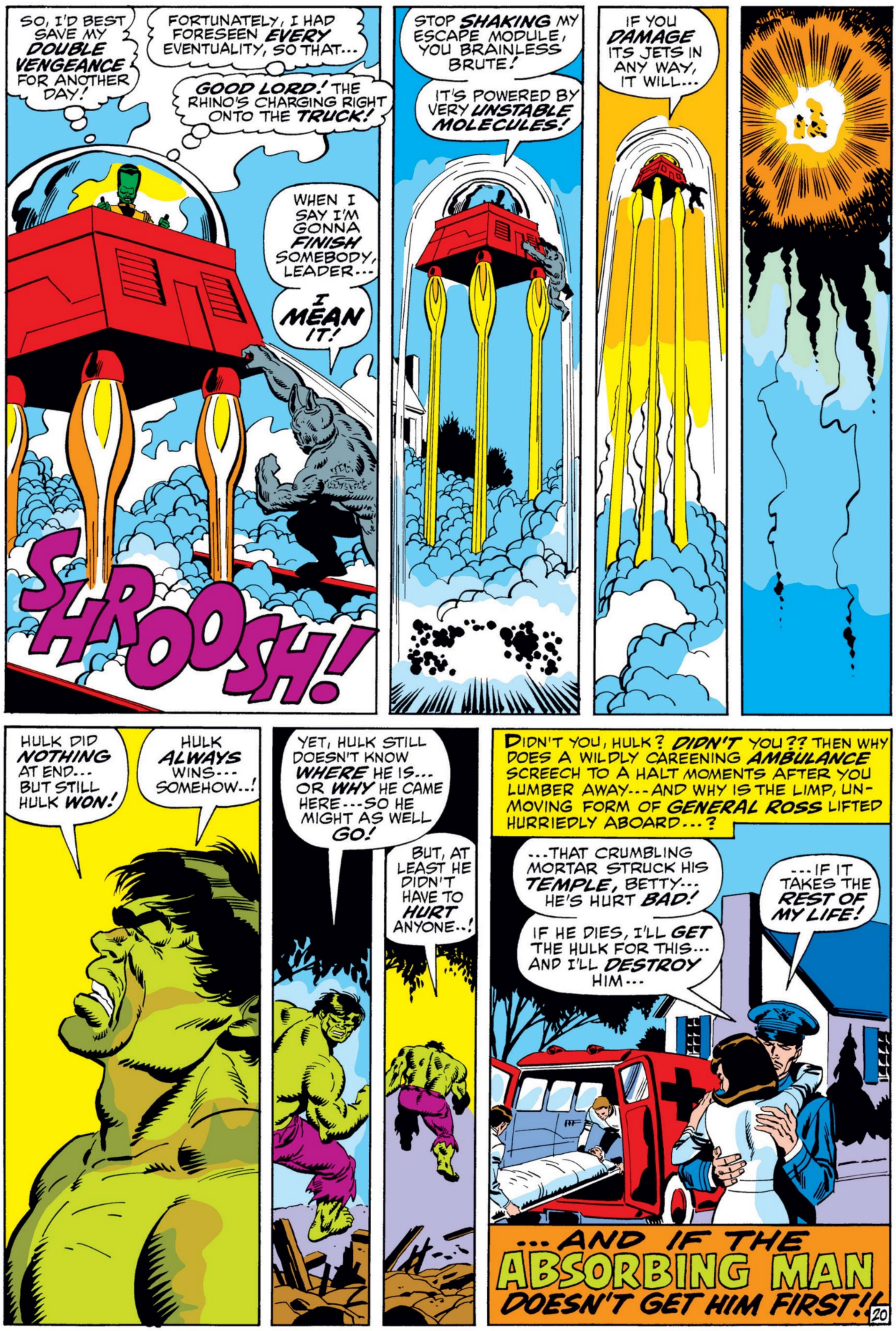
IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU FOUGHT A REAL MAN, FOR A CHANGE!
'CAUSE, LIKE THE SONG SEZ...

ANYTHIN' YOU CAN DO, GREENIE...

...THE RHINO CAN DO BETTER!
PHOOM!

YOU TALK A GOOD FIGHT, RHINO!
BUT, IT TAKES MORE THAN TALK TO BEAT THE HULK!
IT CAN'T BE...!
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE!!


ALL RIGHT... YOU'VE HAD YOUR CHANCE, YOU GREAT HORNED CLOD!
NOW STAND ASIDE...AND LET THE LEADER MAKE THE FINAL MOVE!
NOT A CHANCE, BIG-DOME!
I OWE THAT GREEN-SKINNED GORILLA SOMETHIN' FROM THE LAST TIME WE FOUGHT...
...AND THE RHINO ALWAYS PAYS HIS DEBTS!
LOOK OUT, YOU FOOL!
I'VE ALREADY SET THE GAMMA-GUN ON DESTRUCT..!
YRRROWW!
HE SHOT ME! THE ...LOUSY BUM... SHOT ME...!
SZROK!
THAT'S THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE RHINO'S BACK, LEADER!
THE HULK CAN WAIT, TILL I FINISH WITH YOU...
...AN I DO MEAN FINISH!!
NO...NO! STAY BACK!
YOU CAN'T TURN ON ME!
I SAVED YOUR LIFE!!
YOU SHOULD'A THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE YOU BLASTED ME, CRUMB!
US GREAT HORNED CLODS, WE AIN'T TOO LONG ON GRATITUDE!
I MIGHT HAVE TIME FOR ONE MORE BURST...
BUT, IF IT WEREN'T FATAL...I'D BE DEAD!


SO, I'D BEST SAVE MY DOUBLE VENGEANCE FOR ANOTHER DAY!
FORTUNATELY, I HAD FORESEEN EVERY EVENTUALITY, SO THAT...
GOOD LORD! THE RHINO'S CHARGING RIGHT ONTO THE TRUCK!
WHEN I SAY I'M GONNA FINISH SOMEBODY, LEADER...
I MEAN IT!
SHROOSH!
STOP SHAKING MY ESCAPE MODULE, YOU BRAINLESS BRUTE!
IT'S POWERED BY VERY UNSTABLE MOLECULES!
IF YOU DAMAGE ITS JETS IN ANY WAY, IT WILL...
HULK DID NOTHING AT END... BUT STILL HULK WON!
HULK ALWAYS WINS... SOMEHOW...!
YET, HULK STILL DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HE IS... OR WHY HE CAME HERE...SO HE MIGHT AS WELL GO!
BUT, AT LEAST HE DIDN'T HAVE TO HURT ANYONE...!
DIDN'T YOU, HULK? DIDN'T YOU?? THEN WHY DOES A WILDLY CAREENING AMBULANCE SCREECH TO A HALT MOMENTS AFTER YOU LUMBER AWAY...AND WHY IS THE LIMP, UN-MOVING FORM OF GENERAL ROSS LIFTED HURRIEDLY ABOARD...?
...THAT CRUMBLING MORTAR STRUCK HIS TEMPLE, BETTY... HE'S HURT BAD!
IF HE DIES, I'LL GET THE HULK FOR THIS... AND I'LL DESTROY HIM...
...IF IT TAKES THE REST OF MY LIFE!
...AND IF THE ABSORBING MAN DOESN'T GET HIM FIRST!!